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Thatcher makes her return to a fortress-like Brighton

Ex-ministers warn Lawson on inflation

- Defiant Conservatives arrived in Brighton last night for their conference amid the tightest anti-terrorist security
- The conference starts today with two former Treasury ministers voicing growing concern about the economy
- Mr Leon Brittan urged the Chancellor to restrain public spending or risk losing the City's confidence
- Mr John Biffen attacked the Budget and said the Chancellor's reaction to his critics was "petulant" (Page 18)

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Conservative leaders yesterday broadcast their defiance of the IRA on the eve of their conference, opening today in a fortress-like Brighton.

Sir Ian Mcleod, the conference chairman, declared: "This is the safest place in England".

Mr Peter Brooke, the party chairman, said: "The Tory party was absolutely right to come back. If in any way we were separated from the great centres of population then the terrorists would have won and democracy would have lost."

But amid the emotion of the conference's return to Brighton, growing political worries among Tory supporters about the course of the economy were voiced by two influential former Treasury ministers.

Mr Leon Brittan and Mr John Biffen called on Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to make a priority of fighting rising inflation, even if he had to sacrifice future tax cuts to do it.

Mr Brittan, who is shortly to take up his post as one of Britain's EEC commissioners, issued a warning in a speech in Cardiff that "the present rise in inflation is rightly seen as a potentially dangerous threat to the dramatic progress we have made. Curbing the inflationary trend must be our highest priority".

Mr Biffen, former Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said that interest rates would have to be kept high for "quite a

The Conservative Party is on course to sign up 100,000 new members as a result of its latest recruitment drive, according to party sources. Such a figure would increase the party's total strength of about one million by 10 per cent and would give a much needed boost to its funds .....Page 6

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while vote of the City's confidence in the Government's handling of the economy that is to be maintained they they had to keep a tight lid on public spending.

Mr John Major, the present Chief Secretary, is expected in Brighton to meet Cabinet colleagues pressing for increased spending plans for their departments.

Mr Brittan intensified the pressure on Mr Major by saying that the next economic signal would be the autumn statement detailing spending plans and declaring "a firm refusal to boost public spending is absolutely essential".

Mr Brittan said that the Government would have to keep rigidly to existing public spending plans, "not yielding to those who think that increased tax revenues justify increased spending".

Mr Brittan said that higher interest rates were "at the moment" the only tool the Government was using to curb inflation. If those rates and a tough line on expenditure failed to do the trick in cutting inflation, then next spring the Chancellor should not hesitate to take "direct action" to curb consumer credit. So far Treasury ministers have set their face firmly against such measures as curbs on bank lending and hire purchase.

Mr Brittan insisted that the Chancellor should not feel "irrevocably committed" to further tax cuts. "Fiscal prudence must come first. Forgoing tax cuts may sometimes be the wise course to follow, for it may enable sound growth to continue, and if that happens the scope for subsequent tax cuts will be all the greater".

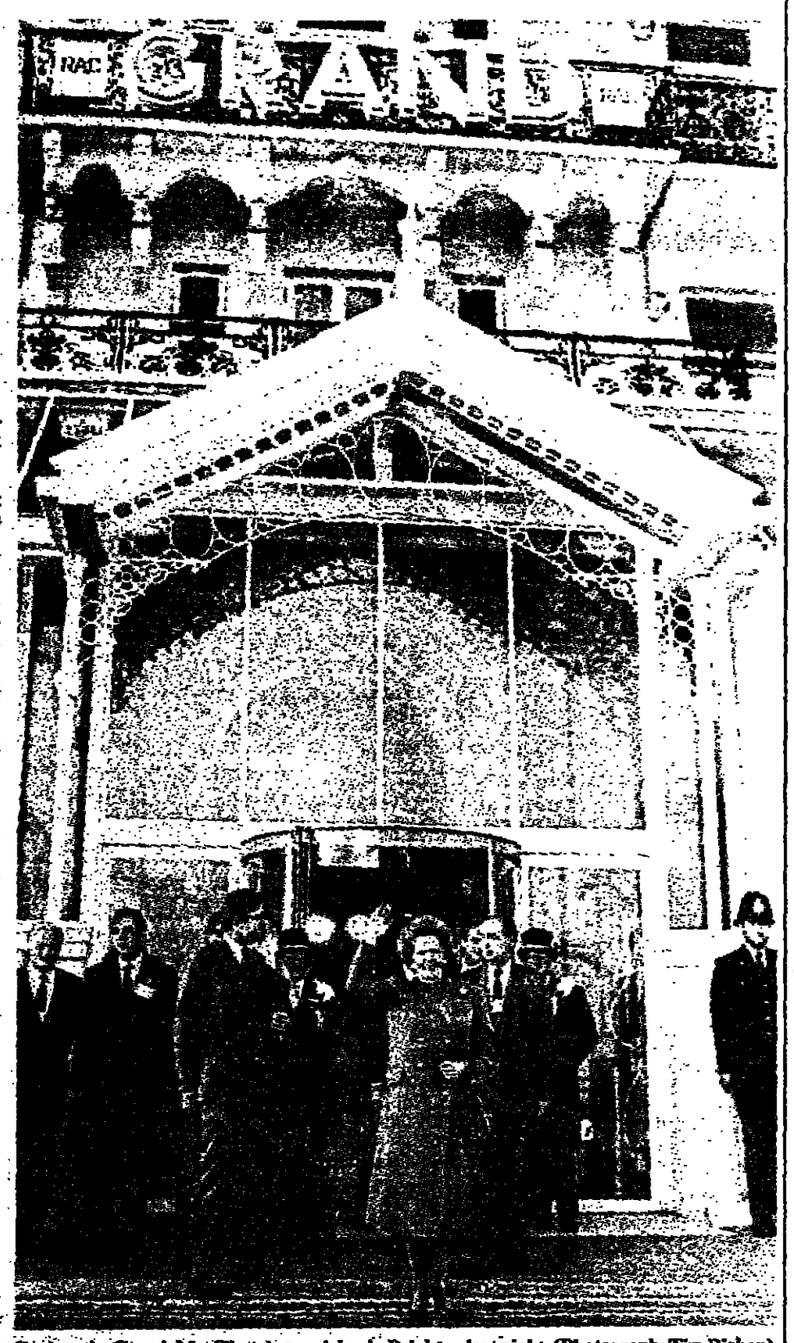
In an article in *The Times* today Mr Biffen criticizes this year's Budget for ignoring inflationary dangers. He calls the Chancellor's reaction to his critics "petulant".

Mr Biffen calls the Chancellor's tax cuts and his expressed intention of cutting the standard rate of income tax further from 25p to 20p "highly questionable".

But last night economic worries were put aside, if briefly, as Mrs Margaret Thatcher stood in front of the Grand Hotel, where five people were killed and 31 injured in the IRA explosion on October 12, 1984.

Asked if her return was a deliberate stand against terrorism, Mrs Thatcher said that the deliberate stand had been made when she and her ministers had gone on the platform on time the morning after the bombing outrage.

"Of course after the way in which the staff so marvellously stood by us four years ago we could not possibly have gone anywhere else".



Back to the Grand: Mrs Thatcher arriving in Brighton last night. (Photograph: Tim Bishop)



WIN £258,000

Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

Yesterday's £4,098 daily prize was not claimed, so today's Portfolio Accumulator rises to £258,000. Game: page 31

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Lyle world match play champion

Sandy Lyle, of Scotland, won the Suntory World Match Play Golf Championship at Wentworth yesterday, beating Nick Faldo, two and one in the final. He collected 12 birdies and one eagle on the West Course in a dramatic match of fluctuating fortunes.

The £75,000 prize took his winnings for the season to more than $1million. Page 46

Papua moves on ConsGold

The Papua New Guinea government yesterday said it would order a sale to remove any South African connections in its richest mine if Minorco wins its £2.9 billion bid for Consolidated Gold Fields.

The country's Porgera gold mining project is partly owned by an associate of ConsGold .....Page 25

Davis dropped

Bobby Robson, the England manager, has dropped Paul Davis, of Arsenal, following disciplinary action taken against the player by the Football Association. Page 46

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Thatcher pledges 'no cover-up on Clowes'

By Lawrence Lever

The Prime Minister has pledged there will be no cover-up over the collapse of the Barlow Clowes financial group, which has left 18,000 investors facing losses of £100 million in life savings.

In her first published comments on the Barlow Clowes affair, Mrs Thatcher said she found the concern of the investors over the fate of their savings "deeply distressing".

"I assure you that there is no intention to cover up anything, and my concern is to have matters clarified as soon as possible," she said in a letter to Mr Alf Morris, the Labour MP for Wythenshawe, Manchester, which Mr Morris made public yesterday.

The Prime Minister's remarks come as Barlow Clowes investors begin lobbying the Conservative Party conference, and they will hand out leaflets at Brighton today in their campaign.

However, senior government sources moved yesterday to dampen speculation that the Government would volunteer compensation to Barlow Clowes investors.

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10 more die as Islamic crowd clashes with Algiers troops

From Christopher Walker, Algiers

Ten people were reported dead as thousands of chanting Algerian youths, many in traditional white Islamic robes, defied a martial law ban yesterday to stage protest marches in the capital hours before the embattled President Chadli Benjedid was due to make a televised emergency address to the nation.

The latest demonstrations were seen in diplomatic circles as a new attempt by the growing Islamic fundamentalist opposition in Algeria to force the President either to stand down or to announce a radical series of economic and social reforms.

Heavy bursts of machine-gun and automatic fire could be heard as some of the marchers neared the city centre, and Western sources said that they had dispersed there, only to regroup later. After more shooting, many ambulances could be heard racing through the streets, and there were reports that members of the crowd had been killed and wounded.

Initial reports said that at least 10 people had died when the Army clashed with demonstrators in the working-class suburb of Bab-el-Oued, where the present unrest began with riots last Tuesday night.

Troops and helmeted riot police were on maximum alert, and by early afternoon the shops and offices undamaged in recent rioting were shuttered in anticipation of a violent reaction if the presidential speech failed to meet the protesters' expectations. Yesterday's demonstrations began after a meeting at a mosque in the poor suburb of Belcourt, one of the areas where damage to property has been greatest. One marcher said: "We were told by the imams to save our anger until we could see what the President would announce in his speech."

President Chadli has kept a remarkably low profile since the rioting began in Algiers a week ago and rapidly spread throughout the country. There has been repeated speculation about his political future, with some Western governments convinced that he is not in a position to offer sufficient change at a quick enough pace to end the discontent.

The Government tried yesterday to prevent journalists leaving their hotel to cover the disturbances and a number of correspondents were arrested, including camera teams from both the BBC and ITN.

Young Algerians on the streets vowed that they would

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continue their protests until the President stood down and some form of democratic constitution was introduced to replace rule by the present single legalized party, the National Liberation Front.

As tension in the city of 2.5 million reached a new peak, senior officials at the British Embassy were reviewing contingency plans to ensure the safety of the 400-strong British community in Algeria. No details were available of how residents would be evacuated if the security situation deteriorates further in the wake of the speech.

One Western source said: "The address has come to look like make-or-break for the President. And the pressure from the streets has only increased his problems."

Although official censorship has covered up the full extent of both the casualties and the cost of the uprising, Western sources conservatively put the damage at well in excess of £250 million.

Labour's autumn offensive

Party covers for sick Smith

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Mr John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, is not expected to resume his full front bench duties until the new year after his heart attack on Sunday.

The Labour leadership is planning its tactics for an offensive against the Government's running of the economy on the basis that one of its most effective parliamentary performers will be absent. Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, has no plans to make any formal changes in the party's Treasury team but Mr Gordon Brown, the shadow Chief Secretary, will take a key role spearheading the attack. Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy party leader, and Mr Bryan Gould, shadow Trade and Industry spokesman, will also be more involved in Treasury affairs. Yesterday Mr Brown warned that public services must not become victims of the Chancellor's economic incompetence. He urged ministers to stand up to the Chancellor in talks on funding for their individual departments.

Yesterday Mr Smith, aged 50, who is the MP for Monklands East, was in a "stable" condition in the coronary care unit at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

Surprise resignation by Premier in Prague

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Lubomir Strougal, the Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia, and Mr Peter Colotka, the Slovak Prime Minister and one of his deputies, resigned yesterday.

Mr Strougal was renowned as a reformer in Prague's generally conservative leadership. There had been speculation about his political future as a result of his barely concealed row with Mr Vasil Bilak, a Politburo hardliner, about the pace and scope of economic reform.

Czechoslovakia's leadership publicly embraced Soviet-style reforms shortly before President Gorbachov visited the country last year. But changes to bring flexibility to Czechoslovakia's stagnating economy have come slowly.

Western diplomats based in

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'IRA had plot to kill Tom King'

IRA terrorists were planning to murder Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when they were caught spying on him in the grounds of his country estate near Chippenham, Wiltshire, it was alleged yesterday.

Winchester Crown Court was told that the plot was foiled by Miss Elisa King, aged 25, the MP's daughter. She was out riding, saw two alleged terrorists, and alerted police.

The trial of three alleged terrorists was also told that a room had been booked by one of them in a hotel in Blackpool only two weeks before the start of the Conservative Party conference there last year.

Finbarr Cullen, aged 27, John McCann, aged 24, and Martina Shanahan, aged 22, deny conspiring to murder Mr King and other persons unknown.

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Satellite channels to cut advert costs

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Sky Television, Britain's first direct-to-home satellite broadcasting venture, has guaranteed that its advertising charges will be at least 25 per cent below those offered by independent television companies.

In some cases, advertisers will be able to reach viewers at half the cost charged by existing commerical stations when Sky's four new channels are launched next February.

The pledge to undercut independent television rates came as Mr Rupert Murdoch confirmed that viewers of one, and possibly two, of the Sky Television channels will have to pay to receive programmes within months of next year's launch.

In June, Mr Murdoch announced that British viewers would be able to receive Sky Channel, Sky Movies, Sky Television News and Eurosport free on existing television sets by means of a satellite dish and receiving equipment costing £199.

But opposition from Hollywood film moguls has led Sky Television officials to decide that the new film channel will operate on a pay-as-you-view basis from July, rather than a

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year later. Mr Murdoch is considering the possibility of a similar subscription payment scheme for the sports channel.

Mr Murdoch, chief executive of News International, told leading advertisers and agency chiefs in London yesterday: "The communications revolution is here. We are seeing the dawn of a new age in this country of freedom for viewing and freedom for advertising; one of individual

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£37,000 property doubles in price overnight

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

A country rector, "dabbling" for the first time in the property market, saw the church school which he sold nearly double in price overnight — to the dismay of the patron of the living, the Duke of Rutland.

The school, at Foston, Lincolnshire, was sold by the Reverend Ron Amis for £37,000. It went on the market the next day for £69,950. The new agents, Prudential, describe it as "a superb opportunity" to acquire a period home, and say that the rector could have sold it for much more although renovation work will cost a further £20,000.



Overnight, this empty school apparently increased in value by £32,950

"I have contacted my estate agent and asked him to look into the matter," the Duke said last night. "It looks like someone has pulled a fast one on us."

The buyers were business partners Mr Chris Douglas and Ms Denise Paine who put the old school back on the market the day after they bought it. "They are simply taking advantage of owning a property in a boom area where house prices are soaring. They have decided to hold out for a higher price because they know they can get it," a Prudential spokeswoman said.

Mr Amis said "It has been my first and last dabble on the property market. I just cannot understand where I went wrong. I sought the advice of estate agents on the Church's advisory committee and they said I had sold it for a realistic sum."

He sold it because the school, built in the 19th century, was closed earlier this year due to falling rolls. A condition of the sale was that it should be used for domestic purposes.

The agent who handled the sale, Mr John Strawson, believed the new asking price to be particularly high, but admitted that it might be achieved because of the boom in the area.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Piggott released for four days

Lester Piggott, the former champion jockey, was released from Highpoint prison in Suffolk yesterday for four days' home leave, pending his parole later this month.

The Home Office said last night that such a release was normal procedure. "The idea is to give a person approaching parole two clear days of home leave to help him adjust and to enable him to sort out any problems."

Piggott, aged 52, was expected to stay at his home in Newmarket, where his wife, Susan, is still recuperating from serious injuries sustained in a riding accident during the summer.

It is the fourth time he has been released from prison since being sentenced to three years last October for tax fraud. He twice visited his wife and was released after his father suffered a heart attack.

Three die in crash

Three people died and two others were injured when a lorry ploughed into their car which had broken down in the central lane of the M6 motorway, near Knutsford, Cheshire, early yesterday. Mrs Mahfooza Mahmood, aged 30, and her son Aqeel, aged four, were recovering from head injuries at Leighton Hospital, Crewe, last night. The dead were Mr Ahmed Mahmood, her husband, aged 41, her elder son, Faisal, aged eight, from Green Lane, Small Heath, Birmingham, and Mrs Zanib Bibi, the boys' grandmother, who was on a visit from Pakistan.

600 furniture jobs

Six hundred jobs are to be created in Newport, Gwent, in a £14 million investment by a leading British firm of office furniture makers. Bisley Office Equipment Ltd, in Surrey, will move on to a 12-acre site to manufacture a new range of office furniture designed around computers. The company, which specializes in steel storage equipment, aims to expand its range of products before the single European market comes into operation in 1992.

Ordnance campaign

Thousands of workers at the two Royal Ordnance factories due to close or stop production voted yesterday for a campaign to defend their jobs which could lead to industrial action. The mass meetings followed an announcement by union leaders that shop stewards in the company's 16 sites will be asked if their members support industrial action. Management plans to close the Patricroft munitions factory in Lancashire in 1990 and stop producing propellants and explosives at Bishopton in Strathclyde in 1991.

Test case on training

Liverpool City Council expects to be taken to the House of Lords if a High Court judge decides next month it is within the law in instructing its officials to act against organizations which have decided to co-operate with the Government's £1.4 billion Employment Training Scheme. Next month's hearing will be regarded as a test case by local authorities throughout the country which have decided not to co-operate with the scheme.

Call for death inquiry

The family of a man alleged to have drowned in a cemetery culvert while fleeing from drugs squad officers yesterday called on police to give a full explanation of what happened. The body of Michael Hook, aged 22, was found face-down in the culvert after he had jumped over a 6ft wall into Gloucester cemetery. Mr Hook, of Cromwell Street, Gloucester, fled from a house in the city's Painswick Road when it was raided. His brother Andrew said: "We want to know why the police went to this house and what happened there".

Estate 'spies' plotted to kill minister, court told

By Michael Horsnell

An IRA plot to murder Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, was concocted by three Irish terrorists, two of whom were caught spying on him at his country estate in Wiltshire last year, a court was told yesterday.

Finbarr Cullen, aged 27, one of the defendants on trial at Winchester Crown Court, is also alleged to have booked a room at a Blackpool hotel just two weeks before the start of the 1987 Conservative Party conference.

Addresses of military weapons stores and of three Conservative offices in Somerset, where Mr King is an MP, were found by police, the court was told.

However, the alleged plot to murder Mr King and other unknown persons was foiled by his daughter, Elisa, aged 25, who saw two of the accused on the family's huge estate at Ford, near Chippenham, while she was horseriding.

Mr Alan Rawley, QC, counsel for the prosecution, said: "Three members of an Irish terrorist organization set out to spy upon Tom King, to find out what vehicles he used, find out his movements, find out whether it was a feasible proposition to do him to death by shooting him.

"But of course we know there is another method to dispose of someone politically hated by the Provisional IRA. It is to set a bomb in his car. When he turns the ignition on, up goes the car, up he goes."

John McCann, aged 24, from Sandymount, Dublin; Martina Shanahan, aged 22, of Rothfarnham, Dublin, and Mr Cullen, of Maynooth, Co Kildare, have denied conspiring to murder Mr King and other unknown people between May 1 and August 31 last year.

Amid tight security, a jury of nine men and three women were sworn in from a panel of 71 who were all brought into court beforehand to be collectively asked by the judge, Mr Justice Swinton Thomas, five questions.

The judge asked whether any had served in the armed forces in the past 15 years; whether they had any close relatives in the services; whether they or close relatives worked for any business supplying or associated with the military establishment; whether any had been in the vacinity of a bomb explosion in the past 15 years; and whether they could judge the case in an unbiased manner.

Nine left the court after indicating that they could answer yes to one of more of the questions.

Mr Rawley told the court that on August 30 last year, Mr King and his wife, Elizabeth, left their estate for a holiday, leaving behind their daughter, who lived in a cottage in the grounds. That morning she and a friend went riding and about three-quarters of a mile from the house they saw two figures sitting on a broken section of a dry stone wall.

"Neither of the two acknowledged Miss King's presence, which is somewhat unusual in the country, so when she got back to the house she alerted police officers on security duty there."

Two armed officers drove to the spot and approached Mr Cullen, who gave a false name, and Martina Shanahan, who also used an alias.

The officers at first thought they were dealing with poachers. Inside a rucksack they found two pairs of binoculars, a first aid kit and a black plastic dustbin liner, the court was told.

Neither could prove their identity, so checks were made. Mr Cullen's false name was registered on the police computer.

Interviewed separately, the pair gave different accounts of how they came to be on the estate and then refused to answer further questions. Both were detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

A blank notebook was found in Mr Cullen's rucksack. However, indentations on it showed a series of registration numbers of cars used by Mr King, his family and protection staff, the court was told. The missing page was subsequently found in a tent at a camp site at Wookey Hole, near Wells, Somerset.

Police lay in wait at the site for a third person, and at 5.30pm on August 30, Mr McCann walked up to the tent where his two alleged colleagues had been staying and was arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

The trial continues today.

Clarke bars extra funding for nurses hired after March

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Health authorities have been warned that the Government will not provide extra money for nursing posts established since March 31.

On the eve of talks between nurses' union leaders and the management side, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, made it clear that authorities would only be funded for staff in post on March 31.

He indicated that any nurses that have been recruited for new hospital developments since then will not be considered in assessing the case for more money for the award.

Similarly posts which were vacant on March 31, due to recruitment or financial difficulties, would not be funded.

Speaking on Independent Television News' *News at One* Mr Clarke refused to confirm that the revised costings of the clinical grading review submitted to the Department of Health on Friday were still higher than the £803 million already awarded.

"Nobody knows", he said. "But we are not going to have people altering the agreement or claiming money they know perfectly well the Government was not committed to in April."

The Department of Health last night confirmed that the funding would apply only to nurses on the payroll on March 31.

The Royal College of Nursing said that March 31 was the worst date to take a snapshot of staffing levels as authorities were often leaving posts open to balance their budgets at the end of a financial year.

"Mr Clarke has taken a harsh stand. The result can only be detrimental to patients as it will penalize authorities with recruitment problems."

Mr Clarke is still expected to announce more money for the nurses in his speech to the Conservative conference in Brighton on Thursday, based on the revised returns which officials were working on at the weekend.

The new returns are understood to show that regions have been able to bring down the overall cost of the grading exercise although extra money will still be needed.

However the chairman of the staff side of the nurses and midwives negotiating council, Mr Hector MacKenzie, said that he suspected that any extra money would be "too little and too late".

Today Mr MacKenzie will again press the Government to move over the issue of continuing responsibility, after the six joint visits to hospital sites.

The staff side maintain that two sisters often share overall responsibility for a ward and in those cases should be entitled to the higher grade G.

If the talks again end in stalemate the Royal College of Nursing said that it would back local appeals.

"Tomorrow's talks will be a crucial turning point at national level if we do not get some progress. The negotiations will then shift to local level through appeals procedures", it said.

The Royal College of Midwives, now balloting its members on its no-strike policy will press for changes in grades for student midwives.

Under the Department of Health guidance registered nurses graded on E or F would have to drop to grade D if they decided to enter midwifery.

"We are calling for an F ceiling so that nurses are not discouraged from entering the profession and are allowed to stay on their existing grades", Miss Ruth Ashton, general secretary of the union, said.

Tuned for victory



Suzy Whang, aged 17, from Hong Kong, one of 20 hopeful young musicians taking part in the Carl Flesch International Violin Competition which starts at the Barber Surgeons' Hall in east London today (Photograph: Adrian Brooks).

Institute calls for transport investment

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

Britain's transport systems are "often shabby, congested and no better than 50 years ago", the Chartered Institute of Transport said yesterday, announcing a campaign for increased investment.

Mr Alastair Pugh, delivering his inaugural address as president of the institute, called on its 20,000 members to rebel against the systems' inadequacies.

"Because of congestion and overcrowding, urban travel speeds of 8 to 12mph in the centre of London are no better than 50 years ago", he told his audience, including the Princess Royal, the organization's honorary president.

"Airport delays are a normal feature of summer week-



end travel and dirty and scruffy facilities are altogether too common."

He said customer satisfaction was nearer to "resigned acceptance" than enthusiasm.

The role of private-sector investment in transport was of increasing importance, but commitment of public funds to transport was essential, even for a government committed to market forces.

Most people would concede that privatization, competition and the interplay of market forces had worked well for airlines and long-distance coaches.

"But it is doubtful whether market mechanisms can ever solve the problems of urban roads, commuter rail in the South-east, airports, or traffic control. These are areas where market mechanisms are ineffective", he said.

The Government had to be persuaded to redefine its role in those areas. Investment in the transport infrastructure, other than roads, had failed to keep pace with inflation, he said. The price of improvement was more investment. The shortfall in cash for an adequate infrastructure had led to congestion, delays, frustration and protest.

The institute's campaign will take the form of preparing recommendations on transport issues for the Department of Transport and others, and a series of lectures, leading to a conference next May on congestion.

● The answer to traffic congestion does not lie in toll roads, Mr Peter Bottomley, minister responsible for roads and traffic, was told yesterday.

Mr Roy Bowles, chairman of the Road Haulage Association, told the association's annual conference in Portugal that transport congestion could become an election issue if it was not dealt with immediately.

Breath-test case verdict overruled

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A drink-drive suspect should have been convicted of refusing to take a breath test, even though magistrates had decided he was not the driver of the car, the High Court ruled yesterday.

Lord Justice Watkins, sitting with Mr Justice May, said magistrates at Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester, fell into "serious error" in acquitting Mr Ronald Redling.

Refusal of a lawful breath test request by a police officer who was reasonably suspicious that a drink-drive offence had been committed made a person liable to prosecution, the judges said.

They allowed an appeal by the prosecution and ordered the Droitwich magistrates to convict Mr Redling, of Albert Street, Droitwich.

The fact that the magistrates decided that Mr Redling was not the driver at the time of the suspected offence was "wholly irrelevant" and did not allow them to acquit him on the basis that he had a reasonable excuse for refusing to provide a breath specimen, it was ruled.

Yesterday Mr Neil McKittrick, clerk to the Peterborough justices, and co-editor of the standard work, *Wilkinson's Road Traffic Offences*, said the decision did not appear to offer any surprises.

He said he had always believed it to be the case that a breath test could be required from someone whom police reasonably believed could have been driving.

Satellite television

Sugar's pledge on system

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Mr Alan Sugar, chairman of Amstrad, yesterday promised to part with £1 million if he is proved wrong in a dispute over television transmission standards.

The dispute, which has resulted in a series of press advertisements attacking Mr Sugar, involves claims made for the differing transmission systems to be used by two satellite television companies.

Sky Television, owned by Mr Rupert Murdoch, plans to use the existing transmission system — known as Pal — which is compatable with existing television sets, to beam four new channels into British homes from next February. However British Satellite Broadcasting, which is launching three new channels in September, intends to use D-Mac, which boasts better picture quality.

Mr Sugar, who is making receiving equipment for Mr Murdoch's channels, issued a challenge in June for anyone to provide a better picture than that now available on traditional television sets.

Pointing to a television set in his office, he said: "I'll offer £1 million to anyone who can make a better picture than that. D-Mac television sets haven't even been developed yet."

BSB subsequently showed how a conventional television set equipped with a Euroconnector could receive D-Mac signals and offer an improved picture. In recent days BSB has run full-page advertisements in national newspapers saying: "Dear Alan, Looks like your Pal just cost you a million". The advertisements called on Mr Sugar to send £1 million to the charity of his choice.

Mr Sugar said: "I will give £1 million to anyone who can improve the picture on the television I pointed at. This television is in my office. The picture on my set and more importantly on 95 per cent of the televisions used in the UK cannot be improved with any system."

Mr Anthony Simonds-Gooding, BSB's chief executive, said Mr Sugar was trying to wriggle out of his bet. "When he made it, he made no reference to a particular television in his office".

Gallantry awards for Ulster soldiers

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Seven Army bomb disposal men, serving in Northern Ireland, have been awarded gallantry medals in the latest list published by the Ministry of Defence yesterday. The awards include an OBE for Lieut Colonel Hugh Heap, who was until recently the Army's chief ammunitions technical officer in Northern Ireland.

In November last year, after the Enniskillen bomb outrage in which 11 people were killed by the IRA, Colonel Heap provided proof that the terrorists had murdered the civilians by using an advanced timing device for the bomb.

The IRA had claimed that the bomb, which went off on Remembrance Day, as the community was gathering for a parade, was detonated accidentally by the security forces jamming equipment.

Colonel Heap said at the time: "The excellent forensic work quite conclusively indicates that this was not a timer or a radio-controlled device."

The other bomb disposal experts named, all members of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, are Warrant Officer Geoffrey Chudley (MBE), Capt Shaun Dowe, Warrant Officer Michael Finan, Staff Sgt Stuart Hooper (Queen's Gallantry Medals); Capt David Hopps, and Staff Sergeant Norman MacDonald (Mention In Dispatches).

The Army bomb disposal units have dealt with more than 4,000 explosive devices.

Tal moves into narrow World Cup chess lead

Mikhail Tal, of the Soviet Union, beat Lajos Portisch, of Hungary, in the sixth round of the World Cup chess tournament in Reykjavik to take the lead in points.

Other sixth-round results were:

Andrei Sokolov (Soviet Union) beat Margeir Petursson (Iceland); Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland) beat Zoltan Ribli (Hungary); John Nunn (England) drew with Jonathan Speelman (England); Boris Spassky (France) drew with Ulf Andersson (Sweden).

Artur Jusupov (Soviet Union) beat Alexander Belyavsky (Soviet Union); Jan Timman (The Netherlands) beat Predrag Nikolic (Yugoslavia).

Gyula Sax (Hungary) beat Jaan Ehlvest (Soviet Union); Garri Kasparov (Soviet Union) beat Johann Hjartarson (Iceland).

The points table is now led by Tal, with 4.5, and Belyavsky, Jusupov and Kasparov, each on 4.

Intervention is blamed for unemployment

By Our Employment Affairs Correspondent

Unemployment is the result of decades of well-meant but misguided government intervention which has deterred businesses from creating jobs and made it disadvantageous for the unemployed to take them, according to a report published yesterday.

Mr Robert Miller of the Economic Research Foundation said the most damaging intervention had been carried out with a view to protecting the low wage earner.

"Minimum wage regulations, rent control, trade union rights and heavy taxation of low incomes have had the unintended effect of making it much harder for the unemployed to find work", he said in the report.

He said that if employment was to be tackled, sacrifices would have to be made by politicians in eschewing discretionary interference in the economy.

The "lucky insiders" in the labour market would have to give up advantages if the "unlucky outsiders" were to find work.

Court orders extradition

By Jamie Dettmer, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Anglo-Irish security co-operation received a boost yesterday when a district court in the Irish Republic ordered the extradition of James Pius Clarke, an IRA terrorist.

The order breaks the recent run of legal mishaps and disputes between London and Dublin which have bedevilled Anglo-Irish extradition arrangements. It will also go some way towards appeasing British annoyance over the release by the Irish police last week of Patrick McVeigh, a top IRA terrorist.

A small group of vociferous IRA supporters demonstrated outside Portlaoise district court during the two-hour extradition hearing. The case was expected to take two days and the speed of the ruling took the demonstrators by surprise.

Clarke, who escaped from the Maze prison in the mass breakout in 1983, was immediately taken back to Portlaoise prison under armed guard.

He has 15 days to appeal to the High Court against the extradition ruling, a process which can take up to six months.

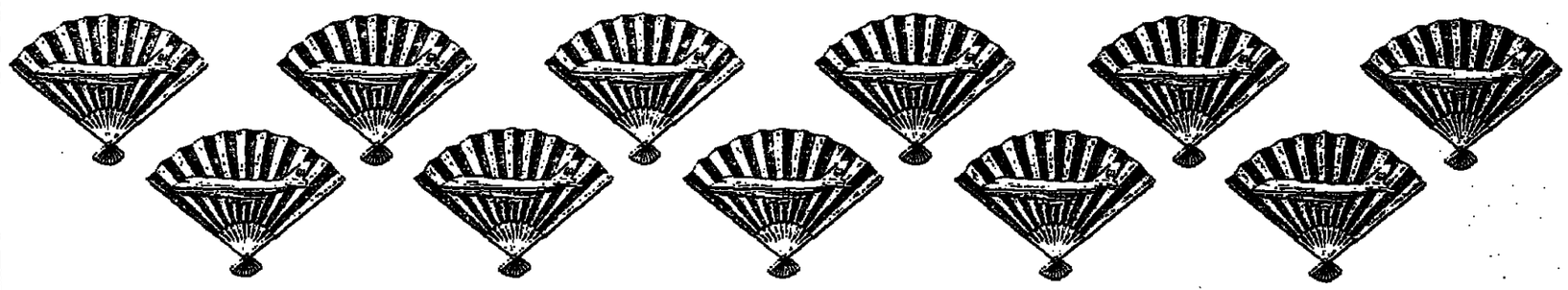
If Clarke loses the appeal and is returned to Northern Ireland he will become the first person born and living in the Irish Republic to be extradited under the eight-month-old extradition arrangements between London and Dublin.

Clarke, from Letterkenny, Co Donegal, is wanted on 17 warrants by the RUC. He escaped from the Maze prison five years ago while serving an 18-year sentence for the attempted murder of a soldier in the Ulster Defence Regiment.

Britain's extradition request for Clarke was disrupted last month when his counsel withdrew from the case following a dispute with the Irish Attorney General over fees.

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Pharmacist 'sold steroids to clubs for body building'

By Andrew Morgan

A pharmacist from east London admitted selling two forms of anabolic steroids without prescription to body builders from gymnasiums in the London area, a disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

The statutory committee of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society was told that Mr Halil Ozdemir, aged 33, was supplied by wholesalers with 74 bottles of 100 Anapolon 50mg tablets and 275 vials of Somatonorm Injection between June 1986 and October 21, 1987.

But it was alleged that Mr Ozdemir, who runs the Woodside Pharmacy in Leytonstone High Street, east London, could not account for at least 34 bottles of 100 Anapolon 50mg tablets and at least 187 vials of Somatonorm Injection.

The committee, with Judge Sutcliffe, QC, as chairman, was told that the society's inspectors visited the pharmacy last October. It was claimed that Mr Ozdemir had sold the Anapolon at £58 per 100 tablets and the Somatonorm Injection at £34 per vial to raise cash to buy the freehold on his pharmacy.

Later, however, the hearing was told that Mr Ozdemir wrote to the society claiming that he had never admitted selling the drugs to body builders without a prescription, but sent them to a private hospital at Girne (formerly Kyrenia) in the Turkish zone of Cyprus, where drugs were harder to obtain, to treat blood disorders. He furnished letters to that effect.

Mr George Norris, an inspector of the society, said that he had visited the pharmacy last October "after complaints" and inspected the books of two drugs wholesalers which showed they had supplied Mr Ozdemir with 30 bottles of 100 Anapolon 50mg tablets and about 80 vials of Somatonorm Injection.

No loss of stock had been recorded but no Anapolon was found and only three vials of Somatonorm Injection were in the refrigerator. None of the private prescription forms showed any record of Anapolon tablets or Somatonorm Injections, nor did the prescription book show any had been supplied.

Asked what Mr Ozdemir had been doing with the drugs, Mr Norris said he told him: "On prescription and to gym owners". He had sold them for several months but had stopped at Christmas 1986.

Mr Norris said the pharmacist said that the drugs had been sold to gymnasium owners with prescriptions, but there were no forms to confirm this.

The committee, comprising five pharmacists, was told that Mr Ozdemir claimed to have supplied the steroids to Mr Malcolm Brown, of the His And Hers Fitness Studio in Tilbury, Essex, — who denied the allegation yesterday — as well as to the Hyams Gymnasium in Leytonstone, east London, and to a Mr Alan Talbot, a body builder from Stratford in east London.

Mr Ozdemir allegedly said that Mr Brown telephoned him "as he needed it" and the pharmacist placed an order with the wholesalers, MacCarthy's of Harold Hill, east London, and Unichem Ltd. Mr Norris said that the pharmacist told him that he had supplied the drugs because "they are people who know how to use these medicines".

In his evidence, Mr Ozdemir said that he had supplied one London body builder with steroids on a private prescription. The remainder had been sent to Turkish Cyprus, latterly with the help of a north London doctor who wrote out a prescription on behalf of the hospital, after Mr Ozdemir believed that the scale of demand was mounting too much.

He said that he obtained the steroids, among several other drugs, as a response to a plea for medication from a Turkish Cypriot doctor he met six years ago on the island.

"I tried to help as much as I could because I thought that all the medication was going to the Greek side and there was no help for the Turkish Cypriots", he said.

Asked by Mr Michael Sullivan, for the society, why he had not provided prescriptions from the local doctor at the first interview, Mr Ozdemir said that he had taken some paperwork home after a break-in. That was why he had not recorded them in the prescriptions book. He said: "They were misplaced and so I could not find them".

Mr Sullivan said: "If there was the slightest scrap of truth in the Cyprus link then I put it to you that you would have mentioned it to the inspectors during your first interview".

The hearing was adjourned until December 14 when a verdict is expected.

Heart aid flyer keeps pace



By Ruth Gledhill

Douglas Penn atop the 1939 Tiger Moth biplane yesterday in which he hopes to cross the Channel on Friday in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Mr Penn, aged 57, qualified as a helicopter and fixed-wing pilot after having a heart pacemaker fitted at Harefield Hospital six years ago. The Channel crossing will be his eighth charity wing-walk. Mr Penn said: "You do get thrown about a bit, but my family prefers me to do this rather than go hang gliding and diving. Surprisingly, this does not affect me too badly. My pacemaker does get a bit excited when I do loop-the-loops". (Photograph: Bob Collier).

Students' union appoints manager

By Sam Kiley, Universities Reporter

The students' union at Leicester Polytechnic is to appoint a managing director to run the union enterprises in an attempt to get it out of chronic debt.

The union serves 9,000 students and has a travel service, shops, catering facilities and a bar. It employs 50 full-time and 150 part-time staff.

With a turnover in the past academic year of £1.7 million, it claims to be the biggest polytechnic enterprise in Britain. The business, in the past run by students on sabbatical, ended the year with a deficit of £160,000.

Mr Tony Hockley, the union president, said Mr Franklyn Roberts, aged 46, a management consultant, would take control of the commercial activities of the union.

Mr Hockley, an economics student, said: "We carried forward a £60,000 loss from the previous year so the situation is not quite as grave as it looks.

"But as the business has developed into a major trading enterprise the executive has become the victim of circumstance.

Several universities and polytechnics have commercial managers who have an essentially clerical role in managing the unions' enterprises. Mr Roberts will be paid £25,000 a year and will answer to the union president.

● Up to 5,000 students, a third of the Finnish undergraduate population, will be educated in Europe, the bulk of them in Britain, if a pilot exchange scheme between Finland and the United Kingdom is successful.

A British delegation recently returned from Helsinki where it met officials to discuss the scheme.

Novelist welcomes the discount Times scheme

The historian and novelist, Lady Antonia Fraser, has welcomed *The Times*'s half-price scheme for students, saying she was glad of a similar scheme when she was a student at Oxford "because I had very little money then".

Lady Antonia, married to Harold Pinter, the playwright, said she started reading *The Times* at her father's home before going to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

She says she does not agree with all the editorial comment in any one newspaper. "I read a very wide range. *The Times*'s offer will mean that students can afford to take a paper for themselves, but they should occasionally make an effort to read others to make sure their opinions are well-founded."

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No screens for police hero

By David Sapsted

A police marksman yesterday appealed to a coroner to be allowed to give evidence about the fatal shootings of two armed robbers, behind the sort of screens used to protect the identity of SAS soldiers during the Gibraltar inquest.

The unprecented call by PC Anthony Long — the hero of a siege three years ago when he rescued a child aged four being held at knifepoint — was rejected by Sir Montague Levine, the coroner, who ruled that the reasons for his decision should not be reported by the press.

He told the jury, which was absent when the application was made by counsel for PC Long, that the officer had asked to be screened from the public gallery. "The final decision was that the police officers should not be screened and that is all I am going to say on the matter."

Sir Montague had earlier told the jury that there had been threats to an officer and two other witnesses due to appear at an inquest into the deaths of Michael Flynn, aged 24, and Nicholas Payne, aged 29, who were shot dead by Scotland Yard's PT17 tactical firearms unit in the course of an attempted £250,000 armed robbery from a Securicor van at an abbatoir in Plumstead, south-east London, last year.

The venue of the inquest had been switched from Southwark to Lambeth Magistrates' Court, south-west London, because of security considerations and, at yesterday's opening, everyone entering the courtroom was searched by police officers.

Sir Montague then issued a warning that anyone who tried to interfere with or threaten a witness or member of the jury would be committing a grave criminal offence which would be dealt with swiftly by the police and courts.

Yesterday, the coroner appealed to everyone to "calm their emotions" as they heard the evidence. He said the inquest would hear that the Securicor van was delivering cash to the Co-operative Wholesale Society's meat depot in Garlands Road, Plumstead. It was held up by a group of men, three of whom were said to have firearms.

"We shall also hear how armed police officers apprehended these men and two men were shot dead and a third man was wounded".

Payne, of Birling Road, Erith, Kent, was divorced with two sons. Flynn, of Bargery Road, Catford, south-east London, was married with a young son. In May of this year, two men were jailed for 10 and 15 years for their part in the raid.

Mr Brian Worth, former deputy assistant commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, told the jury that he had given permission for the PT17 firearms team to "stake out" the abbatoir.

He said: "I was informed by the regional crime squad that they had received reliable information that four men were planning a robbery. Those responsible intended to take a security guard hostage in order for the contents to be stolen and that security guard would be shot if the perpetrators' demands weren't met."

PC Long is due to give evidence later in the inquest.

Victim's prosecution fight

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A special constable who is due to bring his own private prosecution today against youths who beat him up has been informed that the Director of Public Prosecutions is taking over the case but will offer no evidence.

Mr Martin Smith decided to bring his own prosecution against the youths, who assaulted him when he was making an arrest outside a public house, because the Crown Prosecution Service substituted the original charges of grievous bodily harm for lesser ones.

One of the three youths involved pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of actual bodily harm and was fined £100 and ordered to do community service; the other two pleaded guilty to minor public order offences and were fined a total of £50 and £100 each. Mr Smith has now been informed by the Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Allan Green, QC, that the DPP is taking over the prosecution on the grounds that his "proceedings are oppressive and an abuse of the procedures of the court".

Yesterday Mr Smith, who suffered a broken nose, a severe facial cut in which the skin was taken off to the bone and the loss of two teeth, said he was "furious" at the decision.

"They seem to be doing this on the grounds that these people have already been through the courts. But they have only been charged with minor public order offences, which are not the same as unlawful violence against an individual."

The Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 specifically preserved the right of individual citizens to bring their own private prosecutions, he said.

"Surely the right of the director's to kill off a prosecution should be exercised only in the most unusual of circumstances?"

He said the DPP's office told him that although the charges were different, the proceedings arose from the same circumstances.

"But how is that when a driver kills someone, people are able successfully to bring private prosecutions of causing death by dangerous driving when the CPS has only brought a charge of careless driving?"

Mr Smith, a solicitor, intends to be in court and to say he wishes to offer evidence.

Yesterday the CPS said it could not comment on the case until the court hearing.

Hopes of haemophilia cure

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The development of a synthetic blood-clotting agent for the treatment of haemophilia could point the way towards a permanent cure for the disease, researchers believe.

The new form of Factor VIII was given to the first patient in Britain last week and is likely to become widely available among 5,000 sufferers here in the next few years.

It is intended to be a safer and better alternative to the natural product, derived from human blood donations, which most sufferers need to take regularly to prevent bleeding, and which is constantly in short supply throughout the world.

Apart from offering important benefits to patients, the new Factor VIII is providing researchers with invaluable help in seeking a cure for the hereditary condition, caused by the absence of a gene which regulates the production of the natural blood-clotting substance.

"A cure was a pipe dream five years ago, but now it can be talked about seriously. We have gained a vast amount of knowledge," Dr Peter Kernoff, a leading researcher at the Royal Free Hospital and School of Medicine in Hampstead, north-west London.

Dr Kernoff, director of the haemophilia and haemostasis unit at the hospital, said: "Replacement therapy with Factor VIII is not the final objective.

"The target has to be a cure, and we now have indispensable insights into the genetic structure of Factor VIII which gives us the prospect of changing human genes in those affected so that they can produce it by themselves."

The first British patient to receive it, Mr Victor Budgen, aged 25, of Mill Hill, north-west London, was said yesterday to have "responded excellently" to his first injection, and will be monitored closely at the hospital's haemophilia unit.

One advantage of the synthetic product is that it cannot be infected by the Aids virus.

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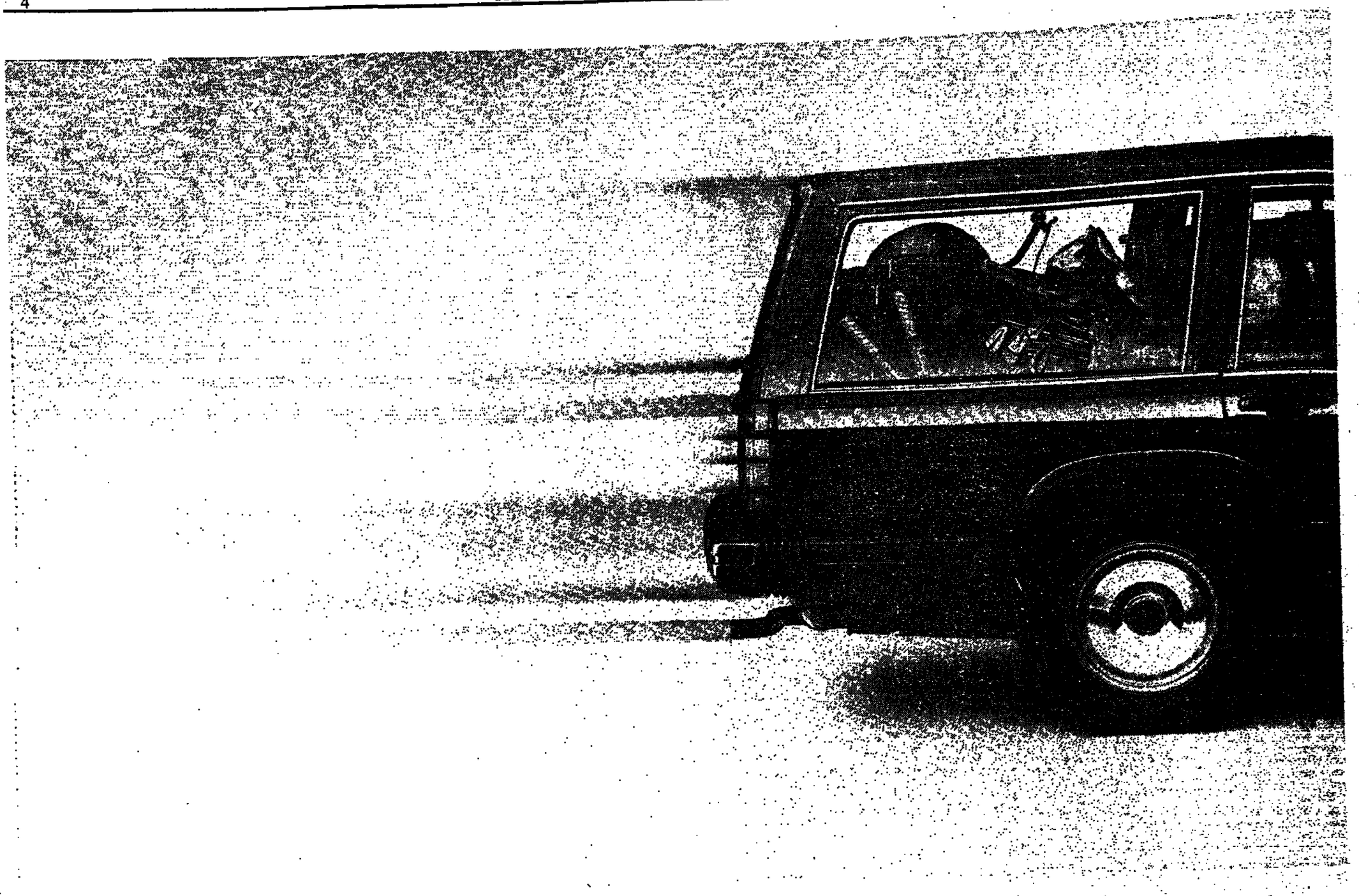
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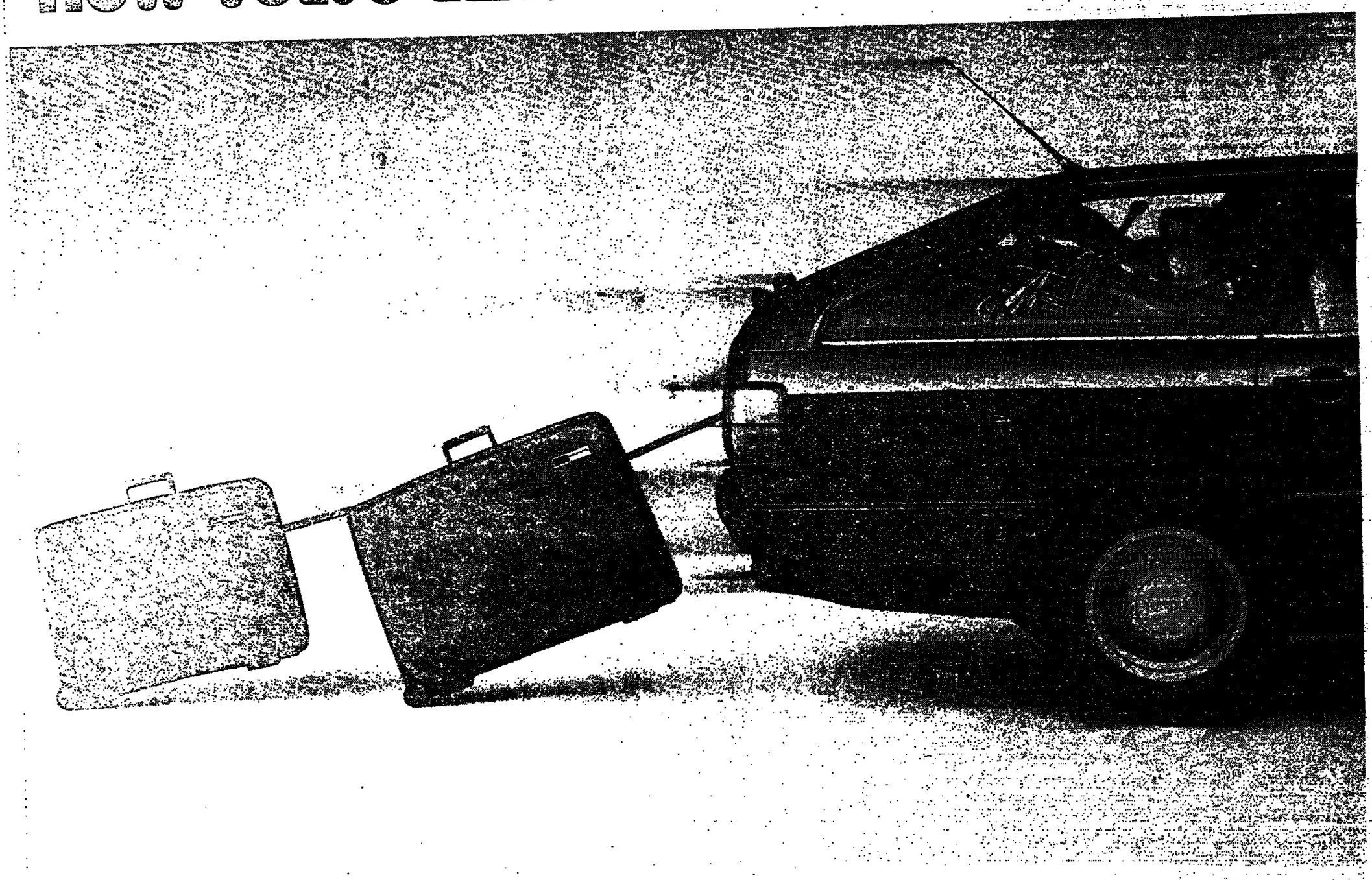
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King's Cross inquest

Escalator had caught fire '18 times before disaster'

By Paul Vallely

At least 18 fires had taken place over the years on the escalator where the King's Cross inferno started, the inquest into the disaster was told yesterday.

Mr David Halliday, a fire investigator with the Metropolitan Police, said the fire, in which 31 people died, was probably started by a lighted match discarded by a smoker. It fell down the gap at the side of the 50-year-old wooden escalator and ignited grease and fluff that had built up.

Detailed inspection of a skirting board showed that had happened on at least 18 previous occasions. Small fires had started and it was hard to say how they had burnt themselves out.

"There might have been much less fuel down there at the time", Mr Halliday said.

The initial fuel was excess grease, used to lubricate the escalator tracks. Over the years that had been squeezed into ridges about 4in wide and more than a half-inch thick along the length of the escalator.

On to this had dropped fluff and dust, made up of fine particles of clothing, wood worn away from the stairway, and skin debris, which was usually in the air in public places. The fluff had acted like a wick, drawing up oil from the grease.

Mr Halliday said he could not explain why the fire had taken off in this case but not in the other 18. There were signs that some of the fires may have been caused since a smoking ban on the Underground had been introduced.

Once the fire had taken hold the escalator tunnel acted like "a diagonal chimney, the bottom of which is covered by wood and the top of which is covered by multiple layers of paint which are going to provide a certain amount of fuel once the fire reaches it", Mr Halliday said.

Melted aluminium alloys in the booking hall showed that the fire reached more than 600C at the top of the escalator. The electrical wiring beneath the escalator was in very poor condition, Mr Halliday said, but there was no evidence it had contributed to the disaster.

Dr Iain West, head of the Department of Forensic Medicine at Guy's Hospital, said most of the 31 people who lost their lives had died within seconds of the fireball engulfing the booking hall.

He said all but one of the victims died from inhaling hot fumes. Some died rapidly after smoke and gases burnt their throats, which swelled up and closed their air passages. Others died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

A few, including Station Officer Colin Townsley, the only fireman to die, were probably killed by cyanide fumes produced by the burning of materials used in construction or paint.

The official cause of death recorded for 30 of the victims was asphyxia due to inhalation of fire fumes. The remaining victim, Mr Christopher Roome, died several days later from bronchial pneumonia and liver failure due to 70 per cent burns.

Dr West said: "Burns to the throat can lead to very rapid death because the airway goes into spasm as a result of inhaling very hot gases. That explains the rapidity of death in many cases."

Many had surprisingly low levels of carbon monoxide in their blood when compared with the victims of other fires. That was because more than half had inhaled very hot gases and died from the suffocating effects of internal burns.

Dr Douglas Chambers, the coroner, responded: "The vast majority of people have died before suffering the pain of the burns?"

Dr West: "Many died within a very short period of the fireball".

Dr Chambers: "It would have taken only seconds".

Many victims suffered flash burns, caused not by flames but by a sudden intense heat. Mr Townsley, who was wearing heavy protective clothing, was comparatively lightly burnt. "He is one of the cases where cyanide or some other noxious agent was responsible for causing collapse", Dr West said.

Mr Townsley had a large bruise on his head as if he had then been injured when he fell.

Most of the bodies were severely burnt, but only after death. "Some were in such condition that they were totally unrecognizable", he said.

The inquest continues today.

Celebrities say farewell to Kinnear



Oliver Reed (top left), Frank Finlay (centre) and Michael York (right), the actors, were among celebrities yesterday at the funeral of Mr Roy Kinnear, the comedy actor, who died in a riding accident while filming in Spain. His widow Carmel(above), with her children Kirsty, aged 14, and Rory, aged 10, led mourners at Christ Church, East Sheen, London. (Photographs: Peter Trievnor)

£621,655 for part of family silver

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

The first day of the sale of Lord Stradbroke's family silver yesterday raised £621,655, double the estimate.

Everyone seemed to have a trophy to take away after the sale at Old Henham Hall, Wangford, Suffolk.

Everyone, that is, but the man from the Jockey Club who, in spite of much eager bidding, failed to secure a sale.

Mr J A Bottomley, a greetings card manufacturer, bought a quarter of the 400 lots, planning to keep it as a long-term investment for his company's pension fund.

His purchases included a pair of Victorian candelabra presented to Admiral Henry Rous, one of the present Lord Stradbroke's ancestors, a power behind the Jockey Club in the nineteenth century. These cost £71,500 against an estimate of £30,000 to £50,000.

Simon Fraser, a Scottish race horse breeder from Inverness, bought the Admiral Rous centrepiece, for £88,000, pipping the Jockey Club. The piece, over four feet high and 928 ounces in weight, has six race horses twisting around the base and is surmounted with a figure of Rous.

Both Mr Bottomley and Mr Fraser said they would lend their purchases to the the National Horse Racing Museum at Newmarket.

Mr Jack Koupman, the London dealer, was outbid for the two top lots, but did secure other goods worth £134,230, including the Royal Hunt Cup, (a Victorian Racing Trophy in the form of a knight assailed by three naked mea) for £19,800. The sale, organized by Prudential Fine Art, has two more days to go.

Lord Stradbroke, who lives in Australia, said the first day had exceeded his expectations.

He emigrated 31 years ago but plans to plough the sale proceeds back into the family's Suffolk estate, restoring Humphry Repton's landscaping and replacing his lake.

Lord Stradbroke is an Australian citizen and has no plans to return to Suffolk permanently. But he hopes at least one of his thirteen children will settle there.

Mr Peter Bogis, the Henham Estate historian, said the Lord Stradbroke's ancestors had accompanied William the Conqueror from Normandy and became leading Suffolk landowners, partly by seeking out heiresses, marrying them, and taking over their land.

The silver which was sold yesterday has been in the bank since about 1947.

Back on the routine auction circuit, Sotheby's achieved a record for a leaf from a Koran in London yesterday when one from Prince Baysanghur of Herat's copy fetched £159,500 against an estimate of £40,000 to £60,000. It was bought by a Middle Eastern private collector.

The dealer B Mohammed was active, spending £44,000 (within estimate) on Awrad al-Usbu, an Arabic manuscript from the reign of Suleyman the Magnificent, by Ahmed Qarahisari.

Christie's London had a mixed time with its British ceramics. A pair of Worcester Imari-pattern hexagonal vases fetched £26,400 (estimate £12,000 to £18,000) and £24,200 (four times estimate) was paid for a Newhall part tea and coffee service painted with birds by Fidelle Duvivier.

'Men stabbed sex offender to death'

Two men carried out their own death penalty on a convicted sexual offender, a jury was told yesterday.

They had discussed the issue of capital punishment for rapists and child molesters during a drinking session. Then, armed with two knives, they went to the home of Alan Halshaw, it was alleged at Preston Crown Court.

Mr Halshaw was stabbed 26 times as he lay in bed. The attack was so frenzied that both men damaged their hands, Mr John Hugill, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Gary Noble, aged 25, of The Windrows, New Church Farm, Skelmersdale, Lancashire, denies murdering Mr Halshaw at his home at Alderley, Skelmersdale, in March.

Mr Hugill said the dead man was jailed for 15 months in 1985 for indecently assaulting young girls.

His wife, Sandra, left him and became acquainted with Frank Treling, aged 22. As a result he learnt about Mr Halshaw's past and, Mr Hugill said, that was the motive for the attack.

Mr Halshaw was last seen alive on Friday, March 4. Neighbours later heard noises but the police were only called on the Monday when he had not gone to work.

The body was found in the bedroom. Dr Edmund Tapp, a Home Office pathologist, said he found 38 wounds, abrasions and scratches on Mr Halshaw's body, some of which would have resulted from him trying to protect himself. Mr Halshaw, a toolmaker, died from a wound which pierced the heart.

On the Friday, Mr Noble and Mr Treling had been out drinking. "The conversation turned to people who committed rape and child molesters and views were expressed about the return of the death penalty", Mr Hugill said.

Later, at Mr Treling's home, the feelings became centred personally on Mr Halshaw. Mr Noble and another man then left the house saying they were going to give someone a good kicking, Mr Hugill said.

But, the prosecution alleged, they went to Mr Halshaw's home armed with two knives and murdered him. On their return Mr Noble allegedly said: "We have just done him in good and proper".

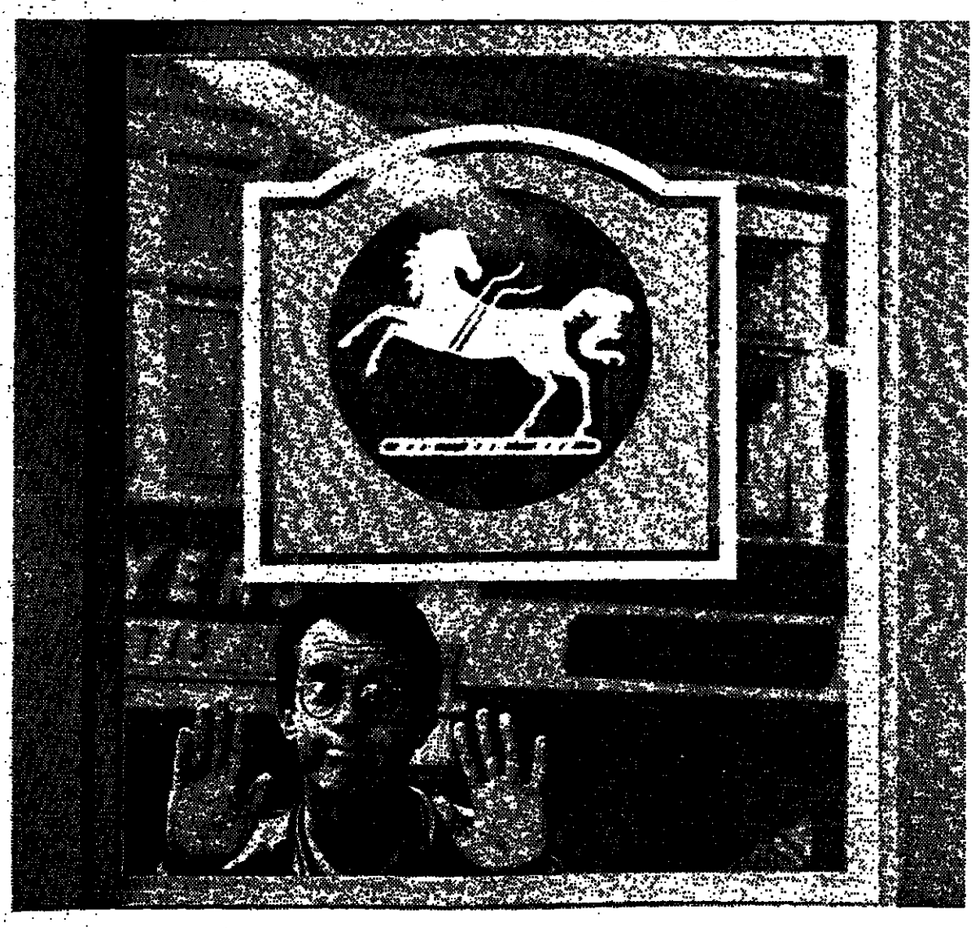
Later, it is claimed, he tried to get two women to provide him with an alibi, he burnt his shoes and jumper and got his mother to wash the rest of his clothes telling her he had sprained his wrist. When arrested he allegedly said the victim was a monster.

Mr Hugill told the jury Mr Noble had cleaned himself on a curtain which police had found buried.

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The trial continues today.

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CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE

No 10 sends key policy makers to take the pulse of the party

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

Among the 10,000 people who will descend on Brighton for the Conservative conference this week will be a few influential but shadowy figures operating at the heart of political power.

They will mingle with the representatives and politicians in the bars and receptions. They will discreetly exchange gossip and information with their contacts inside and outside the Government. They will follow certain debates, noting how the arguments and rhetoric of ministers are received by the party faithful, and they will keep a weather eye on points raised from the floor. After testing the waters, they will return to Downing Street.

Seven in all, they make up the Prime Minister's policy unit, although the two members on secondment to the unit from the Civil Service are barred from attending party political events and will have to mind the shop in London – a suite of cosy little rooms at No 10.

Only Mr Brian Griffiths, the unit's head, is at all well known outside the Whitehall net, and even he has to maintain a distinctly low profile, commensurate with both the importance and sensitivity of his post.

As the midsummer madness over the remarks of Sir Alan Walters, the Prime Minister's semi-detached economic adviser made plain, careless talk from members of the inner circle is political dynamite.

Not that the quicksilver Mr Griffiths, the former professor of banking and international finance at the City University Business School, will be doing much talking. Mrs Thatcher's speech, the conference finale on Friday, is likely to absorb most of his energies as she engages in her annual quest for the perfect script.

So who are the Prime Minister's eyes and ears, advising her on the constant stream of departmental proposals, putting forward new ideas, acting as a bridge to Whitehall and the world beyond, and her first line of defence against wayward ministers?

In addition to Mr Griffiths, who is responsible for education, broadcasting and economic policy, they are:

● Mr Peter Stredder, late thirties, mathematics (Cambridge and Warwick), Civil Servant on secondment from the Department of Trade and Industry, specializing in the Department of the Environment.

● Mr Greg Bourne, late thirties, chemistry (University of Western Australia), on secondment from BP, specializing in transport and energy.

● Mr Ian Whitehead, mid thirties, physics and chemistry (University College London), chartered accountant, on secondment from the Bank of Montreal, specializing in health and the inner cities.

● Miss Carolyn Sinclair, early forties, modern history (Edinburgh), Civil Servant on secondment from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, specializing in agriculture, "green" issues, planning and the Home Office.

● Mr George Guise, mid forties, physics (Oxford and Durham), on secondment from Consolidated Goldfields, specializing in Department of Trade and Industry and science.

● Mr Andrew Dunlop, late twenties, economics (Glasgow), former special adviser to Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, specializing in defence procurement, employment, tax reform and Scotland.

One of the strengths of the policy unit – and one that distinguishes it from the Civil Service – is the diversity of background, experience and talent it encompasses. Operating on a collegiate basis, with plenty of discussion of ideas and analysis, it is able to bring a different perspective to political questions from that commonly employed in Whitehall. At times, it is also a radical one, although the presence of career Civil Servants within the unit suggests that it is far less politically partisan than is commonly supposed.

Yet, looking at its personnel, one rather surprising pattern does emerge. Four of its members have science or mathematics degrees, and two others are economists – the most numerically-based of the social sciences. The Prime Minister, the first trained scientist to make the quantum leap to No 10, is served by a group of like-minded souls.

Mr Griffiths, who makes appointments to the unit, has not actively sought out people with such qualifications, and until recently the arts have been well represented in its make-up.

He has been more concerned with finding people of the right quality, capable of sifting the evidence, testing hypotheses and quickly coming to a clear and robust conclusion. Coincidence not design, although Mrs Thatcher is unlikely to cavil at the outcome.

Nevertheless, after the Prime Minister's speech to the Royal Society, it is hard to escape the conclusion that after more than 30 years, she is rediscovering some of the interests of her youth, consciously or otherwise, affected by the people close to her. For not only did she give new heart to environmentalists, she also acknowledged the debt she owes to her own education.

"I am reminded of a reviewer of Solly Zuckerman's recent autobiography, who said that as a rule politicians rarely make successful politicians. From my experience, let me say this: in today's world it is very good for politicians, to have had the benefit of a scientific background."

Much has been made of C.P. Snow's two cultures, and it would be fanciful to argue that the breach has been healed by a handful of appointments at No 10. But perhaps the Oxford dons, chiefly scientists, who so wounded the Prime Minister by denying her an honorary degree, might care to think again.

Europe and environment set to dominate debates

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Growing anxiety among the Conservative Party faithful on four separate issues threatens the customary harmony of the annual conference beginning at Brighton today.

They are the state of the economy, threats to the environment, law and order and Britain's future in Europe. In spite of the best efforts of the party's stage managers, criticisms of party policy are bound to surface in both the conference hall and at fringe meetings.

Fringe meetings also provide dissident ministers and former ministers with ideal platforms to rock the boat, and both Mr Michael Heseltine and Mr Peter Walker are expected to seize this opportunity.

This morning's debates are on farming and the inner cities, and will be followed by the address of Mr Peter Brooke, the party chairman.

But the main interest will come in the debate on transport immediately after lunch, in which Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State, will outline what he intends to do about Britain's congested roads and air routes.

He will emphasize the need for private capital to finance important transport infrastructure projects. Debates on trade and industry and defence round off the afternoon.

The two main fringe meetings of the day occur at lunchtime. In a speech to the Tory Reform Group Mr Heseltine is expected to reiterate his call for the fruits of economic success to be spread more evenly through the country and not just in the over-heated South-east.

Mr Ian Smith, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister, will join Mr John Carlisle, the right-wing Tory MP, at a meeting organized by the Conservative Sports Committee to promote the restoration of sporting links with South Africa.

The conference will this morning debate farming and the inner cities before Mr Peter Brooke delivers his address as party chairman. In the afternoon there are debates on transport, trade and industry and defence.

Mr Leon Brittan, the former Cabinet minister, will address another fringe meeting organized by the National Association of Port Employers in the evening. He will call for an end to the restrictive National Dock Labour scheme, which guarantees dockers a job for life.

Another former minister, Sir Rhodes Boyson, will call for the end of the students' union closed shop at a meeting organized by the right-wing Freedom Association and the National Association of Conservative Graduates.

Tomorrow's main conference debate is on law and order just before lunch, at which Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, will be given his traditional roasting by representatives alarmed at the crime figures and by those who want capital punishment to be restored.

In the afternoon there are two other debates in which speakers are likely to give ministers a tough time.

In a debate on planning and the environment Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State, will be criticized by speakers who believe he is allowing too much development in the South-east and that he has shown scant regard for the Green Belt. Mr Ridley will reject the charges.

In the social security debate they will press Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State, not to freeze child benefit for the second year running. It is understood that he has already decided against it.

The best-covered fringe meeting will be the lunchtime speech of Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Wales, to the Tory Reform Group.

The last remaining "wet" in the Cabinet regularly uses that platform to launch coded attacks on the Government's economic policies.

In the evening Mr Enoch Powell, the former Ulster Unionist MP and Conservative minister, addresses the right-wing Monday Club. That could be where party divisions on Europe first surface.

Also tomorrow evening, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland and a dark horse contender for the party leadership, will make a keynote speech entitled *Towards 2000* at the traditionally important conference meeting of the Conservative Political Centre.

Party divisions over Britain's future in Europe will become most apparent during Thursday afternoon's debate on overseas affairs.

On the one side will be those who argue that the Government has conceded too much sovereignty to the EEC. On the other will be those implicitly critical of Mrs Margaret Thatcher who believe Britain is obstructing progress towards a united Europe.

But another potentially heated debate will occur that morning when the conference discusses economic policy and taxation. With rising inflation, a serious trade imbalance, and interest rate increases having more than cancelled out Budget tax cuts, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, may find he is no longer flavour of the month among the alarmed party faithful.

At lunchtime on Thursday, Mr Hurd addresses the Society of Conservative Lawyers, while in the evening Mr Timothy Renton, the broadcasting minister, talks to the Bow Group on the future of broadcasting and Lord Whitelaw, the former Deputy Prime Minister, gives the fourth Harold Macmillan Lecture to the Young Conservatives.

For the conference representatives the highlight of the week comes early on Friday afternoon when the Prime Minister gives her closing address.

Her speech, carefully prepared over many weeks, is expected to signal, among other things, both the Government's new commitment to safeguarding the environment and the increasing attention it is paying to social matters.

A tearaway launch for Tebbit's book



Mr Norman Tebbit facing the Press at the launch of his autobiography in London yesterday (Photograph: Julian Herbert)

By Alan Hamilton

There is, they say in the book trade, no such thing as a bad review. Mr Norman Tebbit presented himself at Hatchards Booksellers in Piccadilly yesterday and was besieged by customers willing to pay £14.95 for a signed copy of his memoirs with the most interesting page torn out.

Mr Tebbit's printers worked all weekend to remove the offending page after the High Court ruled that his political autobiography, *Upwardly Mobile*, could not appear with certain references to Miss Sarah Keays and Mr Cecil Parkinson. The printers managed to deliver 750 bowdlerized copies in time for Mr Tebbit's planned signing session.

No one might have noticed the publication had not the London *Evening Standard* had the brainwave of sending their review copy, with a request for a few hundred crisp words, to Miss Keays, who took exception to Mr Tebbit's account of her affair with Mr Parkinson, now rehabilitated as Secretary of State for Energy, and won a temporary injunction preventing the book's publication in its original form.

Given the coverage of the court case at the weekend, it was not surprising the queue of admirers snaked right round the bookshop by the time Mr Tebbit arrived.

One man in the signing queue said he had been a fan ever since Mr Tebbit had lambasted the BBC for its coverage of the American bombing raid on Libya. The lady next to him said: "I've always liked Norman; he's one of us".

By the time Mr Tebbit left he had signed, and therefore sold, 400 copies. Miss Keays and her injunction did not appear to have done him lasting harm.

Homeowners remain loyal

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The latest opinion poll evidence brings a welcome relief for the Government as the Conservatives open their conference.

Ministers had been braced for a slump in the Government's popularity with voters as a result of increases in interest and mortgage rates.

But the latest polling evidence from MORI's three-month aggregate for July, August and September shows that the Government is still reaping the benefits of its council house sales policy and that homeowners as a group remain the Tories' greatest supporters.

Home ownership remains the greatest demographic discriminator of voting intention – greater than age group, region or social class. Seventy per cent of the electorate have bought or are buying their own homes, 24 per cent are council tenants and 6 per cent are private tenants.

While the Conservative lead over Labour overall these past three months is 46 per cent to 39 per cent the lead among homeowners or buyers is 54 per cent to 32 per cent.

Among council tenants, by contrast, Labour leads 58 per cent to 27 per cent. So the "swing" from homeowners to council tenants is 26.5 per cent for Labour.

Taking those with mortgages alone, support for the Conservatives has shifted only from 50 to 47 per cent over the past three months while Labour's rating has been 37 and 36 per cent.

Among council tenants over the same period Conservative support has risen from 23 per cent to 26 per cent while Labour's support has dropped from 63 per cent to 57 per cent.

The crucial economic optimism index, achieved by subtracting the number of those who believe that economic prospects will deteriorate over the next 12 months from those who believe that they will improve, has fallen for five months in a row.

But those buying their own homes are not any more pessimistic about economic prospects than the population at large.

The index has fallen from minus 5 in July to minus 9 in August and minus 18 in September.

But among mortgagees the figures are nil in July, minus 6 in August and minus 13 in September.

The net decline of 13 points is almost exactly matched by the figure among council tenants who have moved from minus 23 to minus 28 to minus 37, a net fall of 14 points.

In 1974, when Labour last won an election, homeowners divided 45 to 31 per cent in favour of the Conservatives, giving them a 14 per cent lead.

Now the division is 54 per cent to 32 per cent, a Conservative lead of 22.

Tories hope for 10% rise in membership

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The Conservative Party is on course to sign up 100,000 new members after its latest recruitment drive, according to party sources.

Such a figure would increase by 10 per cent the party's total strength of about a million, and would boost funds severely depleted after the £3 million panic spending of the last four days of the election campaign, which took the total bill to £9 million.

Yesterday the sources hailed the initial results of Campaign '88 as a success and maintained that the Tories were outstripping their opponents in building a mass membership.

Mr Peter Brooke, the party chairman, is expected to give a progress report today on the recruitment drive. It may be extended beyond its planned closing date of October.

The campaign was launched at the beginning of June after the Central Council meeting in Buxton, Derbyshire in March, and has been backed up by an avalanche of bulldog-emblazoned leaflets, stickers and posters.

Constituency Conservative associations are independent of party headquarters at Smith Square and are expected to raise their own funds.

So far, local parties have paid £1.4 million for a million leaflets and other publicity material, figures that underline the strength of the grass-roots response.

One association is understood to have signed up 1,400 new members since June.

The update on the Tory drive comes after Labour announced plans to boost membership from about 280,000 to a million in the next three years. The Democrats are hoping to treble their membership from 85,000 by the next election.

PIPER ALPHA PUBLIC INQUIRY

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING

The Hon Lord Cullen, who has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Energy to conduct a Public Inquiry into the accident which occurred on Piper Alpha on 6 July 1988, will hold a preliminary hearing which should be attended by all those seeking leave to be parties to the full Public Inquiry.

The hearing will take place at 10.30am on 11 November 1988 within the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen.

The purpose of the preliminary hearing will be to deal with matters of representation, procedure and programming and, if appropriate, to fix a commencement date for the full Inquiry. Evidence will be heard only at the full Inquiry.

It will be helpful if those who wish to attend the preliminary hearing for the purpose of seeking leave to be parties to the Public Inquiry will make their intentions known to the Secretary to the Inquiry, Miss C B Forbes, at 16 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh EH1 3DN (Telephone 031-244 3905) by 28 October 1988.

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Rethink on Housing Bill

The Government, in an attempt to defuse a rebellion in the House of Lords, has offered to look again at the voting system for tenants whose homes may be taken out of local authority control.

The Earl of Caithness, Minister of State for the Environment, speaking during the committee stage of the Housing Bill when the Lords reassembled after the summer recess, said that he was prepared to consider whether there should be a minimum turn-out figure before a property is handed over to a social landlord.

Under the Bill, tenants will be balloted on whether they want to stay under council control or transfer to another landlord.

The Earl of Caithness assured peers that tenants would be able to remain under local authority control if they wanted to. However, tenants who did not vote in a ballot on their future landlord would be deemed to have voted in favour of opting out of local authority control.

An Opposition amendment aimed at preventing non-voting tenants being counted in with the "yes" to transfer votes was defeated by 183 votes to 136.

Lord McIntosh of Haringey, for the Opposition, said he was challenging the Government's claim that the Bill was about tenants' choice.

The Earl of Caithness said that the voting process would take place over a period of 13 weeks with full consultation, so there would be little excuse for tenants not to vote.

There were many reasons why tenants might not vote; ill health, disablement, holidays, or they may have moved away. It would be sufficient under the Government's proposals for the property to be transferred to a new landlord when not more than 50 per cent voted positively against it.

Blasphemy law change resisted

Demands for changes in the law on blasphemy were made in the Lords in the aftermath of the release of the film *The Last Temptation of Christ*. But Earl Ferrers, Minister of State, Home Office, said that the Government had no plans for altering the law. It could not decide what should be written, published or shown in a cinema, he said.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said an American film producer was seeking to make money by publishing "immensely offensive observations about the founder of the Christian faith".

Earl Ferrers said the Law Commission had not reached unanimous conclusions on the matter. "We do not believe there is a sufficient consensus of opinion for a change in the law." Some people considered that the film was serious and that it was not blasphemous.

Lord Renton (C) sought an assurance that the Government would "rise to the occasion and themselves be defenders of the faith" as was the Queen.

Earl Ferrers said that the Government had to consider whether the right of free speech would be curtailed in suggesting alterations to Parliament. It was up to individuals to make up their own minds about whether the film was offensive.

Lord Paget of Northampton (Lab) said that once one started strengthening the law against opinions one started strengthing the law against the people who held those opinions. "And from there the step to burning heretics is not far."

The blasphemy laws were obsolescent nonsense.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, for the Opposition, suggested that there was a danger that prosecutions for blasphemy could stimulate further activities that they were designed to protect.

Post monopoly 'options open'

The Government would have to "keep its options open" over the Post Office monopoly in handling the letter mail, Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during Lords questions about the recent postal strike.

The possibility of ending or modifying the monopoly was kept under review but the Government had no firm plans to make any changes.

The matter depended very much on the conduct of the business of the Post Office in the future.

Lord Campbell of Alloway (C) wondered whether the monopoly should continue without a no-strike clause.

Lord Young of Graffham said that he knew of the considerable public dissatisfaction with the quality of the Post Office service. "We had better see how the service performs in the months to come."

The Government regretted the dislocation which the strike had caused to small businesses. "I hope those working in the Post Office will take that into account in future."

Parliament today

Lords (2.30): Housing Bill, committee, sixth day.

Residents band together to become the 'eyes and ears' of their police force

Patrols stamp out a mining village's spate of petty crime

The debate over street violence was fuelled last week when chief constables declared that government policy on police manpower could mean the end of the "bobby on the beat". Peter Davenport visited a community that has decided to take action itself

Mr Carl Roberts, a driver with the local branch of the TUC, is standing in the orange glow of a street light opposite a group of retirement bungalows in Grimethorpe, South Yorkshire.

"Once you could walk along here in the early hours of the morning and see lights everywhere. The old folk were too afraid of being burgled to go to sleep", he said.

"Since we started our action, their lights all go out at night. That, by itself, is a measure of our success."

Before the residents of Grimethorpe's Park estate decided to patrol the streets themselves, they were plagued by almost nightly thefts. When a car was stolen from a man whose wife required daily hospital treatment, it was the last straw.

Now, from dusk to dawn every night, groups of men patrol the estate. Anyone acting suspiciously is watched and reported to the police.

More than 80 volunteers, aged from 17 to 66, have joined the scheme. Their powerful torches and blue anoraks have been bought with residents' donations. Two housewives organize the group's rotas.

Since the patrols began seven weeks ago, no criminal incidents have been reported on the estate.

"They are not vigilantes but public-spirited people committed to stamping out minor crime in their area", Supt Brian Mordew said. "I welcome them as extra eyes and ears."

Mr Roberts, aged 44, started the scheme with a friend after his neighbour's car was stolen.

"We decided to sit up all night just watching what happened on our streets when we were all in bed", he said. "A gang of teenagers appeared at about three in the morning trying the doors on almost every car and house. They acted as if they had every right to be there."

When one of the teenagers walked out of a house with a video machine under his arm, Mr Roberts and his friend stopped him and called the police. The youth is now awaiting trial.

Grimethorpe is an unlovely village, famous for its colliery band and infamous for an incident during the miners' strike when a mob attacked the local police station.

Relations between police and the villagers still bear the scars of the dispute and initial reactions to the community patrols were guarded.

But Mr Roberts sees the idea as an extension of Neighbourhood Watch and a sign of hope for communities plagued by crime.



On the beat: Two Grimethorpe residents getting ready for their part in the dusk-to-dawn patrol of the Park estate (Photograph: Asadour Guzelian).

Humberside split on bridge toll deal

By Peter Davenport

A proposal to write off part of a multimillion pound debt owed by the Humber Bridge Board is to be examined at a public inquiry starting in Hull today.

In return for having its debt partially cleared, the bridge board wants to raise its tolls, already the highest in the country.

The Humber bridge debt is rising at the rate of one pound every second because of high interest charges on the £100 million it cost to build.

Today the debt stands at more than £300 million and hopes of paying it with toll charges alone, as originally planned, are out of the question.

Mr Alex Clarke, chairman of the Humber Bridge Board, said: "We are massively in debt and if something is not done it will simply go on increasing".

The city council in Hull and the local authorities for Beverley and Holderness support a financial package the board negotiated with the Department of Transport, which could involve £190 million of the debt being written off.

Almost 60 organizations and individuals have objected to the toll increases and the inquiry is expected to last for several weeks.

Among the objectors are the Road Haulage Association, the AA, the RAC, bus companies, a local MP, freight hanliers and Humberside County Council.

The one-way toll for car drivers would rise from £1.50 to £1.70 with further, regular increases in line with inflation. Some large lorries would have to pay £11.60 instead of £8 for a one-way trip and the coach toll would be £7 instead of £5.20.

The Humber bridge is the largest single-span construction in the world and was opened in 1981 after decades of local pressure for a link between the two banks of the Humber.

The Act of Parliament which governs the board specifies that unless the debt was of manageable proportions by 1994, it could be recovered by a precept on local ratepayers, with residents of the city of Hull being the worst hit.

One estimate is that if the debt were to be recovered in this way, the new community charge would be doubled.

Companies act to stop tide of attacks on staff

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

Violence at work is forcing employers to adopt new strategies to reduce the risk of assault and abuse directed at their staff.

An Industrial Relations Services report shows that more workers are being exposed to the risk of violence. However, most cases involvingminor injuries, threats and verbal abuse are not reported and the Government is trying to facilitate more accurate data collection.

The IRS says strategies for preventing violence at work need to be based on a clear understanding of the characteristics and nature of the violence involved. Training may be influential in combating the problem.

Employees are being separated from members of the public, alarm and security systems are being introduced at more companies, and more workers are being trained to deal with the problem.

In some cases, a single act provides a solution. Unigate, for example, has reduced muggings considerably by installing cash security boxes on milk floats in London and Bristol, two high-risk areas.

The Department of Employment recommends better in-house training for staff, more supervision for new and inexperienced employees and higher counters to discourage claimants from climbing or leaning over them.

Training can play a valuable role as part of a package of preventive measures.

After a female employee was attacked on her way home from work, Marks & Spencer initiated a training package for its 50,000 staff — 60 per cent of them women — showing them how to defend themselves.

The report also shows how trade unions, particularly the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, have provided much of the impetus for the development of preventive approaches and have been instrumental in bringing the problem to the attention of their members.

Industrial Relations Review and Report: 425 (IRS 18-25 Highbury Place, London N5 1QP; by subscription).

Milk quotas benefited farmers, board says

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The introduction of milk production quotas in 1984, greeted with dismay by farmers at the time, have in fact benefited the industry, a report published yesterday by the Milk Marketing Board suggests.

A study of 100 specialist farms showed that average profits last year rose to £19,161. But in real terms that was still below the levels of 10 years ago and represented only a 9.7 per cent return on working capital.

However, Mr Tony Poole, the author of the report, gave a warning that the upward trend was unlikely to continue.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday published draft regulations which make it a legal requirement for everyone resonsible for, or working with, farm livestock to know and understand welfare codes.

The regulations are expected to come into force early next year. They cover such matters as farm building safety and lighting, and animal feeding and watering.

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Cameramen arrested and blindfolded

Chadli blacks out pictures of unrest

From Christopher Walker, Algiers

The Algerian Government of President Chadli Benjedid, struggling for survival against a popular uprising unprecedented in recent North African history, is operating a sophisticated campaign of censorship designed to prevent full accounts of the destruction and military clampdown getting out.

Most attention is being focused on Western television and stills cameramen, several of whom have been arrested, interrogated and blindfolded by Algerian troops after trying to take pictures of the tanks and armoured personnel carriers which now guard every key government installation in the capital.

Etienne Werner, a Reuters photographer, was driven blindfold in a van to a military interrogation centre yesterday as he tried to work near the city centre. "At one point they took out a whip from a cupboard. They said it was not for me, but that next time they would not be so nice," he said.

Yesterday both BBC and ITN television crews were arrested for the second time in 24 hours and all their film was confiscated.

The purpose of the censorship has been to convince the world at large — and the 27 million Algerian population — that all is returning to normal much faster than is the case.

It is also to try to prevent film coverage, at home or abroad, of how the harsh martial law is operating in many parts of the country. But the courage and ingenious professionalism of some journalists has ensured that pictures have gone out.

"On no account are you at any time to photograph military personnel or military vehicles," said the government official in charge of the Western press, most of whom are housed in the imposing eight-storey El-Aurassi Hotel, itself a target of the mobs early in last week's rioting.

Displaying exordinary dexterity, Algerian cameramen managed to shoot film, which was shown on the main 8pm state TV news, in which not a single soldier, tank, armoured vehicle or riot control squad appeared on the streets of either Algiers or the second city, Oran, where many buildings have also been ransacked.

Similar bowdlerized versions of the reality of life — in which tanks, combat-ready troops with fixed bayonets, heavy machine guns, bazookas and even anti-tank missiles are on round-the-clock duty — have been offered by Algerian TV to networks around the world. The offers have been matched by strong attempts to hinder normal operation for those few foreign television crews who have been allowed entry.

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An ITN camera crew was arrested yesterday in the central Place Premier Mai, its film destroyed and camera gear confiscated. When the reporter, Paul Davies, showed the officers his accreditation from the Ministry of Information, the officer snatched it and made an obscene gesture with it.

The officer, one of several from the commando regiment now running the city under martial law, explained contemptuously: "That is what I think of your piece of paper. It is us who are in charge of running things now, not the Ministry."

Another photographer — who inadvertently gave soldiers the name of a Ministry official who had assured him he had permission to work — found the name being taken down by a soldier. "We will deal with her later," he said menacingly.

Despite the hostility and obstructionism shown towards those attempting to film the uprising or the military response estimated to have caused some 200 deaths, those members of the written press who have managed to gain access have been given comparative freedom to travel and file copy.

One American correspondent said: "It is as though the Government was convinced that only pictures, not words, convey the image of what is going on. They are hoping that our descriptions will be ignored in the face of pretty pictures showing shops filled with goods and people strolling in the sunshine."

Many of the discontented youth of Algiers ridicule openly the version shown on state television. "It is part of the pantomime that we have had to put up with for years," one 20-year-old told me yesterday, as we spoke close to three Soviet-built light tanks around a mosque near the city centre. Because of the widespread knowledge of French, most of the population has heard reports on the uprising from foreign radio stations.

By last night, despite promises of communiqués and individual interviews with Algerian officials, the single briefing provided for the international press was a 30-minute conference on Saturday with the Information Minister, Mr Bachir Rouis.

He refused to provide official casualty figures and used the occasion to expand on the Government's charge that "hidden hands" are manipulating the uprising.

At one moment, to relieve the stifling heat of the overcrowded room, an official opened a window. To the obvious unhappiness of the Minister, the room was suddenly filled with the rattle of gunfire from close by.



Civilians surveying the debris in an Algiers street yesterday after days of rioting over the falling standard of living. The unrest was apparently encouraged by fundamentalists.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Hawke outburst on yacht death

Sydney — The Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, last night accused Indonesian police involved in shooting a British couple on their yacht of "appalling and despicable behaviour" (Christopher Morris writes). David Blenkinsop, aged 31, was shot in the shoulder and pushed overboard to drown, according to his pregnant fiancée, Miss Joanne Mist, aged 24, who was shot in the stomach at point-blank range when storms forced them to shelter on the Indonesian island of Serui as they sailed from Thailand to Australia.

Two armed policemen boarded their yacht and there was a row when Mr Blenkinsop was allegedly "unco-operative". Indonesia's official explanation is that the shooting was accidental, but Mr Hawke has demanded a "thorough and impartial inquiry" with appropriate action to be taken against the Indonesian officials.

Le Pen sacks deputy

Paris — M Jean-Marie Le Pen yesterday suffered his most serious setback when he deprived himself of his only voice in the National Assembly by announcing the dismissal from his National Front of Mme Yann Piat, the party's deputy for the Var region (Susan MacDonald writes). M Le Pen's decision was made after it became obvious that Mme Piat was considering resigning from the party. Her success in the general elections last June prevented it from being entirely excluded from parliament. All the other 35 deputies elected in 1986, including M Le Pen, lost their seats. Mme Piat was considering resignation because she objected to a statement by M Le Pen on the Nazi gas chambers. The topic provides a favourite theme for M Le Pen.

Nicaraguan protest

Nicaragua's Ambassador in London, Señor Francisco d'Escoto, accused Mrs Thatcher yesterday of inviting a "terrorist" to Britain (Nicholas Beeston writes). He was angered by the arrival in London of the Nicaraguan rebel Contra leader, Señor Adolfo Calero, who will hold a fringe meeting at the Conservative Party conference in Brighton today. A Foreign Office spokesman said that Señor Calero was visiting Britain as a private citizen and that he was permitted to take part in political activities as long as he did not break the laws of the country.

Paisley attacks Pope

The Rev Ian Paisley last night delivered a scathing attack on the Pope, Catholicism and the Irish Republic amid catcalls and jeers in the European Parliament in Strasbourg (Our Foreign Staff writes). The leader of the Ulster Democratic Unionists launched a five-minute tirade at the top of his voice after being attacked himself as "an institutional terrorist" by the Fianna Fail Euro MP, Mr Niall Andrews. The uproar broke out within minutes of the session's start and came only the day before the Pope addresses Euro-MPs as part of a four-day visit to France.

Dukakis bites back on rare trip to Big Apple

From Charles Bremner, New York

Preceded by a weekend blitz of aggressive commercials, Mr Michael Dukakis marched up Fifth Avenue in the annual Columbus Day procession yesterday, giving a rare reminder to New Yorkers that they are four weeks from a presidential election.

The Big Apple and its state form the second-biggest prize in America's presidential race — 36 votes in the electoral college. Only California, with 47, has more.

But while the campaigns have poured millions of dollars and countless man hours into California, both Mr Dukakis and Mr Bush have been all but invisible here. Mr Bush has not turned up in the state since June, and Mr Dukakis has paid a couple of brief calls.

The explanation for the "campaign that isn't" is simple. With the system of winner-takes-all in each state, New York, traditionally Democratic, is not up for grabs. An old axiom of Democratic politics reverses the Broadway slogan: "If you can't make it in New York, you can't make it anywhere."

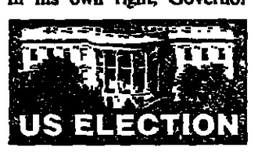
But while Mr Dukakis has clawed his way back uphill against Mr Bush in the past two weeks in all but the Deep South and Florida, his lead in New York state has narrowed to seven points.

No one is suggesting a real threat, but party strategists are concerned about a growth in pro-Bush sentiment among voters in the lower-middle-class suburbs, apparently in response to the Vice-President's successful depiction of Mr Dukakis as a dangerous liberal. The chance of an upset could prompt a guerrilla strike by the Vice-President.

For many New Yorkers, ethnic though he is, Mr Dukakis comes over as weak tea. A warning was sounded over the weekend by Mr David Garth, New York's top political image consultant: "Dukakis comes across like your accountant or, God forbid, your dentist."

The Democrats' answer has been the Dukakis march yesterday and a deluge of negative television commercials over the weekend ridiculing the "packaging" of Mr Bush. The headline in *The New York Post* — "Iron Mike Hits Back" — referred to the latest marital travail of the heavyweight champion, but applied just as well to the Dukakis campaign.

The ethnic Massachusetts Governor was on home ground in the parade — an Italian and Spanish-American festival. He strolled up the avenue accompanied by Mr John F. Kennedy Junior, newly emerged as a superstar in his own right, Governor



Mario Cuomo and Mayor Edward Koch.

The Kennedy name has a special power since the Senator Lloyd Bentsen's use of it in his television debate knockout over Mr Dan Quayle in last week's debate.

The Scandinavians have still not managed to spoil Columbus Day, but they had the preceding Sunday declared Leif Ericson Day in honour of the Viking now credited with winning the Transatlantic race by 500 years.

A Democratic Party poll yesterday showed Italian-American voters in New York flocking to the Dukakis side because of what they see as an excessive Wasp (white Anglo-Saxon Protestant) content in the Bush-Quayle ticket.

Mr Dukakis can also count heavily on the black and the Jewish votes, though blacks are still angry over the antics of Mr Koch during the primary election in April. He backed Mr Albert Gore for the nomination and announced that "Jews would have to be crazy to vote for Jesse".

The mayor has not helped his party in the campaign for the Irish voters, who are traditionally Republican anyway. They are still incensed over Mr Koch's stunning, but short-lived, conversion to the British view of Northern Ireland, voiced after a visit to Belfast this summer. Hundreds of demonstrators turned out on Sunday to watch a pantomime in which a Mr Koch dummy embraced a dummy of Mrs Thatcher.

Bush campaign leaders say they cannot compete for New York when so much more is at stake elsewhere.

Mr Rich Bond, the Vice-President's national political director, said: "No decision has been made to go all out in New York. It is a tantalizing prospect for us. But when you have finite time and resources, you've got to line up the states that are going to be with you first, and then see if you're going to play on the other guy's turf."

The news from Florida over the weekend was bad for the Democrats. A poll by the *Atlanta Constitution* paper showed the Republicans far ahead in all 15 Southern states. The gap was said to be up to 20 points in Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and South Carolina.

The Bush campaign held a strategy meeting yesterday on ways of consolidating the Southern gain, while the Democrats were reported to be pulling senior staff out of Florida to redeploy them in the crucial swing states of the industrial Midwest.

Political manoeuvres in Greece

Pressure grows for snap poll

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, who had complex surgery in London 10 days ago, left hospital yesterday for a hotel in London as pressure grew for a snap election to capitalize on voters' sympathy.

The state-controlled media here is portraying his apparently rapid recovery at the age of 69 as a miracle that has made him a new man, and his Socialist party is considering plans for a welcome rally when he returns home on or about October 22, with hundreds of thousands lining his route home in Athens.

The Prime Minister's wish to be accorded a popular welcome — which his critics have dubbed a Roman Triumph — was disclosed by Mrs Dimitra Liani, his companion, who has been at his bedside since he was rushed to London on August 25.



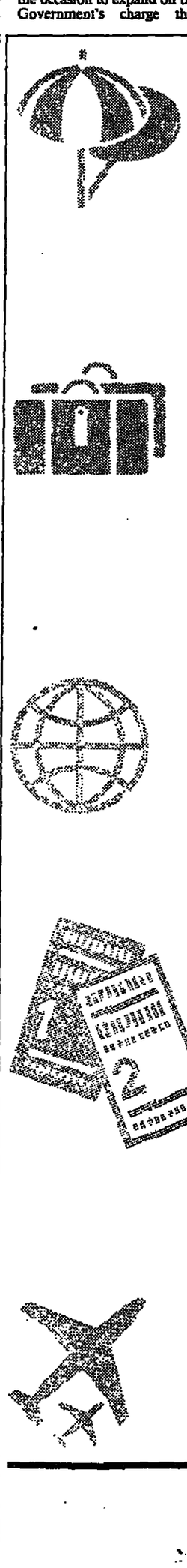
Mr Papandreou: Dreaming of a hero's return.

She said in a radio interview: "The Prime Minister dreams of a great popular rally during his arrival at Athens airport." Elsewhere she made clear that she would be returning with him.

The welcome would be a crucial ingredient of the plan that Mr Papandreou's associates seem to be putting together in the hope of precipitating a general election.

Other components include a Cabinet reshuffle to enhance his new image, combined with perks to the people that the economy could ill-afford.

The call for a snap election finds favour also with the main opposition party, the conservative New Democracy. Its leader, Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, told a youth rally that Greece had been left without a Government. "Let us then have elections in November," he said. "Let the people take matters in their hands."



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Cuban timetable for Angola withdrawal opens way to peace

From James Bone, New York

Angola, Cuba and South Africa have reached broad agreement on a timetable for the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola, which opens the way for implementation of a United Nations independence plan for South African-controlled Namibia.

American mediators were quoted in *The New York Times* yesterday as saying that in three days of talks which ended in New York on Sunday it was agreed that the estimated 50,000 Cuban troops in Angola should pull out within 24 to 30 months.

The UN plan could come into effect as early as November 1, the target date set in earlier negotiations between Angola, Cuba, South Africa and the United States.

Under the plan, a UN force of about 7,500 troops and 2,000 civilians will supervise elections leading to Namibian independence within a year.

The four-sided talks, which began in May, have focused on achieving a peace settlement in the region by linking Namibian independence with the Cuban troop withdrawal. South Africa demanded originally that all Cuban troops should be out of Angola in less than a year, while Angola and Cuba offered a four-year withdrawal period.

Angola and Cuba have now offered to withdraw the troops over 30 months, while the US has put forward a compromise period of 24 months.

The principle of troop withdrawal in such a time frame appears to have been accepted all round. A final timetable is expected to be agreed when the talks resume in the Congolese capital, Brazzaville, before November 1.

South Africa, which has withdrawn its own troops from southern Angola, has thus conceded that some Cuban troops can remain after Namibia wins independence.

American officials were quoted as saying that the problem was not so much when the last Cuban soldier left, as how quickly the bulk of the Cuban forces withdrew.

South Africa and the US want most of the Cuban forces to leave within the first 12 months. South Africa is believed to want Cuban troops redeployed to northern Angola so that they cannot interfere with the polls in Namibia. The American officials said that the UN Security Council would be asked to adopt a resolution setting out the timetable for the withdrawal.

An agreement on Namibian independence and a Cuban troop pull-out would focus attention on the key remaining obstacle to peace in the region, the 13-year-long civil war in Angola.

Cuban troops were first sent to Angola to protect the Soviet-backed government from Dr Jonas Savimbi's Unita guerrillas, who are sponsored by South Africa and the US.

● HARARE: A summit meeting of six Southern African frontline states, scheduled for tomorrow in Botswana, has been cancelled, the Zimbabwe Foreign Ministry said yesterday (Reuter reports).

President Mugabe's office confirmed the cancellation but gave no reasons. The meeting would have been the first to bring together leaders of Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania and Angola since President Botha of South Africa started a diplomatic drive into black Africa.

Rashid faces US extradition



Mohammed Rashid, a 34-year-old Palestinian, being handcuffed by a Greek policeman yesterday after an appeals court in Athens voted 2-1 that he be sent to the US to stand trial for a 1982 explosion on a Pan Am airliner over Hawaii (Reuter reports). He has been held since May 30, and will stay in prison until the Greek Supreme court rules on his appeal. Rashid's seven-month sentence for using a false passport was reduced to five months.

Rescue of industrial giant

Likud capitalizes on lame ducks

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The Likud branch of the Israeli governing coalition is to make maximum political capital out of the desperate straits of Koor Industries, the country's largest industrial concern, which is threatened with liquidation.

It employs 27,000 workers and creates about 10 per cent of Israel's wealth.

But it is hugely in debt, and on Sunday its largest foreign creditor, Bankers Trust Company of America, applied in a Tel Aviv court for it to be wound up because it has failed to make promised repayments of about £12 million in loans.

The Government has begun an immediate rescue plan, and is deciding between allowing Israeli banks to put up the money and putting in government money to stave off collapse until the company can be restructured.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, is only too happy to lead the rescue bid, but he will do so while blaming his Labour coalition partners for mismanagement on a grand scale in order to drive home his party's point that Labour's economic policies are bankrupt.

Koor is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Histadrut trades union federation, which is linked closely to the Labour Party. Koor, with its many subsidiaries, is just one of the many Histadrut concerns now in serious difficulties.

The Solel Boneh building company, the Alliance Tyre Factory and the Kupat Holim health service, which looks after 80 per cent of the population, are all Histadrut concerns in serious difficulty.

On top of that, the *moshav* co-operative farms and kibbutzes, both of them movements strongly allied to Labour, are struggling for survival and scarcely able to service their huge debts.

Likud says that the economic trouble stems from "socialist principles with octopus-like bureaucracies", and argues that only a move to a free economy will solve the problems. The party is promising to lower taxes to encourage business, and is offering help to Labour's lame ducks only out of the goodness of its pre-election heart.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, insists the economic problems stem from the roaring 500 per cent annual inflation rate while Likud was in power between 1977 and 1984. He claims the credit for curbing that inflation while he was Prime Minister from 1984 to 1986.

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Botha urges early voting to avoid boycott bullying

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africans of all four officially-classified racial groups – white, black, Coloured (mixed-race) and Indian – began voting yesterday in nationwide elections for segregated town councils, even though there are still more than two weeks to polling day.

New legislation enables all people on municipal electoral rolls to cast a "prior vote" between October 10 and 22, without having to give any reason for not being able to vote on October 26, the official election date.

The Government aims to enable black, Coloured and Indian voters – not required even to cast their "prior vote" in their own areas – to cast their ballots inconspicuously and thus avoid possible intimidation by radical groups calling for a boycott.

About £1.2 million has been spent on a newspaper and television advertising campaign featuring a comic strip in which two squirrels, apparently chosen because they are racially neutral, tell voters they can "make it happen" by going to the polls early.

In the Transvaal, the authorities have sent circulars to white employers telling them it is vital "for both practical and constitutional reasons" that the elections to black town councils should be a success, and urging them to make sure that black staff "exercise their democratic vote".

According to provisional estimates, about 12,170 candidates of all races will contest 7,600 seats on 1,130 local government bodies.

It is the first time that all races have gone to the polls at the same time, even though it is to elect representatives to segregated structures.

The elections to white town councils are seen as a dress rehearsal for a whites-only general election which the Government is constitutionally bound to hold in little more than a year, and as a test of what appears to be rapidly growing support for the far-right Conservative Party, which opposes any relaxation of apartheid.

The black, Coloured and Indian polls will be scrutinized closely as a measure of non-white support for the Government's constitutional reforms, which offer other races self-government at local level and a consultative national role, but would still leave the white minority in overall control.

President Botha is desperately anxious that there should be a high turn-out in the black council polls to repair the damage done during the township turmoil between 1984 and 1986, when scores of black councillors resigned after having been accused of "collaboration" with the Government and terrorized by angry mobs.

The Government has prepared the ground by improving facilities in many townships, and by banning, restricting or gagging most black opposition leaders and their organizations. Under the emergency regulations, it is an offence punishable by up to 10 years' jail to advocate publicly a boycott of the vote.

But this ruling has been flouted repeatedly by church leaders such as the Most Rev Dr Desmond Tutu, the Archbishop of Cape Town, so far with impunity.

Radical groups, such as the banned African National Congress, are determined to enforce a black boycott. For Pretoria to get a turn-out of even 25 per cent or 30 per cent would be a significant defeat for these groups.

The Government badly needs the black town councils to be seen as credible, since it is intended that they should eventually send delegates to the proposed "national council", the body which is supposed to provide for inter-racial negotiations on a new constitution.

According to government officials, 2,457,982 blacks in urban areas outside the tribal homelands have registered to vote, accounting for 78 per cent of those eligible to do so. Critics claim, however, that the authorities have inflated the registration figure by including anyone on official housing lists.

If this is true, the Government may have set a trap for itself by making it more difficult to get a high percentage turn-out on polling day.

Widespread black indifference to the elections seems indicated by the high number of self-nominated and unopposed candidates. In Cape province, for example, only 45 of the 92 black municipal councils will be contested.

Tamil raid kills 44 on eve of stoppage

From Vijitha Yapa, Galle, Southern province, Sri Lanka

Forty-four people of the majority Sinhalese community were killed at Kongaswewa in northern Sri Lanka by Tamil guerrillas, as Sinhalese in the south prepared for a strike yesterday to protest against elections in the Northern and Eastern provinces.

Security sources said that about 150 Tamil guerrillas, believed to belong to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, had entered the village, about five miles from Vavuniya, on Sunday night and hacked to death or shot men, women and 18 children.

A leaflet found on the scene said the killings were in retaliation for President Jayewardene's awarding yesterday of medals to army, navy, air force and police officials who overran Vadamarachchi, a Tamil Tigers stronghold, in May 1987.

Meanwhile in Southern province the extremist Sinhalese group, the Janatha Vimukti Peramuna (People's Liberation Front), called the strike to protest against elections for a united provincial council for the Northern and Eastern provinces, which would give the minority Tamils more autonomy in the area.

Five people died in clashes with police as businesses on the island responded to the strike call by the Front, blamed by police for more than 400 political deaths over the past 15 months.

In Eastern province, police used tear gas to disperse a march by about 5,000 demonstrators. Five people were reported to have been injured.

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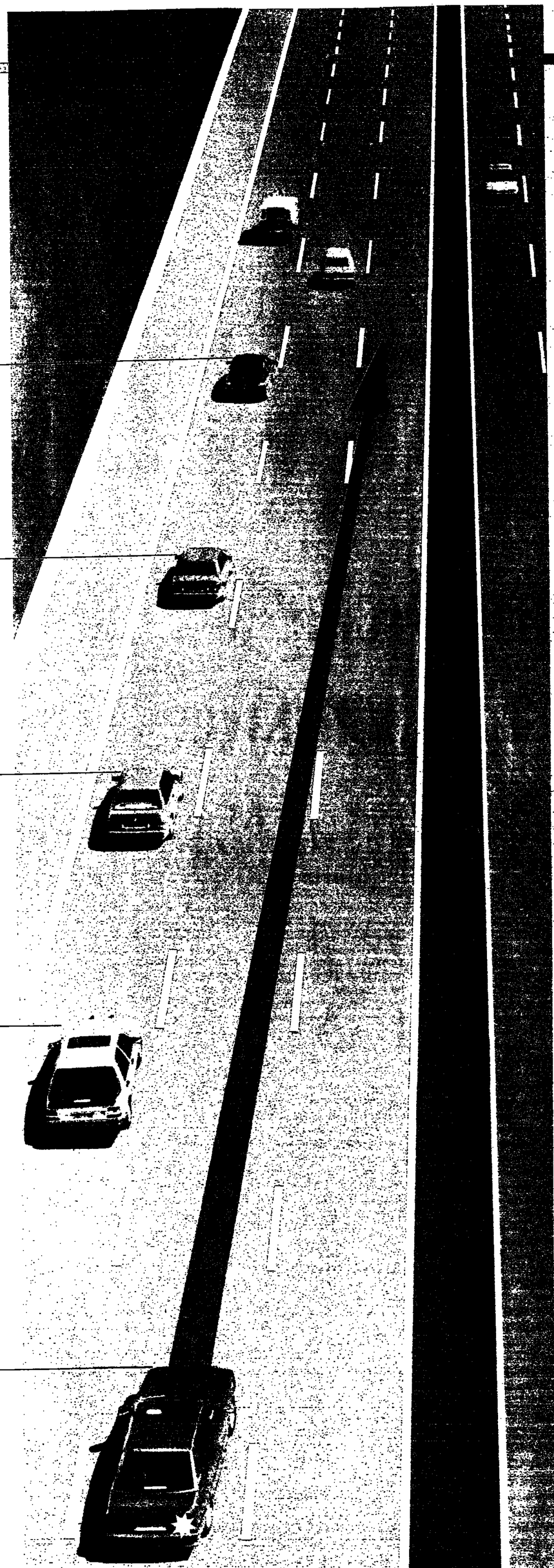
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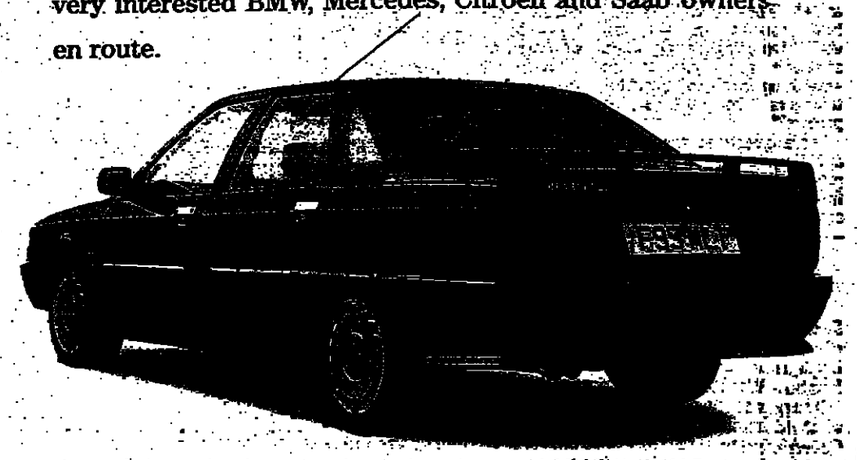
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Belgrade cancels leave for troops as unrest continues

From Richard Bassett and Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

The day after President Dizdarevic of Yugoslavia addressed the nation on what he described as its "most serious post-war crisis", army leave was cancelled throughout Yugoslavia yesterday and panic buying was reported in some areas.

Large foreign currency bank accounts were also being emptied, sources in Belgrade and Zagreb said.

At Niksic, in the south-western republic of Montenegro, tens of thousands of people, largely students and workers, were still protesting about what they described as police brutality after a weekend demonstration was broken up in Titograd, the Montenegrin capital.

Students were said to be continuing a hunger strike in Titograd, capital of Kosovo, while there were reports of strikes in Montenegrin towns, and protesting workers comparing the republic's leaders with President Pinochet of Chile and demanding their resignation.

But police action in Titograd at the weekend was initiated only after students refused to disperse following several warnings. Casualties were light and most impartial observers said police were disciplined and orderly.

The upheavals of the past week have jolted the national leadership rudely from its slumbers.

The strands of the Yugoslav crisis — the economy, ethnic tensions and a long discontent with years of abused power and privilege — have suddenly been linked to create a situation in Montenegro, Serbia and its autonomous regions of Kosovo and Vojvodina more tense than at any time since the war.

In the north, the leaderships of the Croatian and Slovenian republics have lined up against the mob in Montenegro and have pledged their support for the Montenegrin leadership.

But Serbia, the most powerful republic in the federation and with the largest Communist Party, has remained ominously silent. Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader who is the inspiration behind the mob, refused to condemn what five of Yugoslavia's six republics call anarchy.



President Dizdarevic during his national TV address.

The Slovenes, in a robust statement on Sunday, declared: "We shall never agree to solutions which are imposed on us." The Croats warned: "Sources of folly are pushing Yugoslavia down the path of violence."

The Bosnians, along with the Montenegrins and Macedonians, have issued similar statements. Only Serbia holds its tongue, though the party-controlled press has already accused Montenegrin authorities of "excessive violence" in sending police into Titograd.

Mr Milosevic seems to be hoping that the use of force in Titograd may backfire on the authorities, and provoke more civil unrest. It remained unclear yesterday to what extent this might be the case, though it was clear that there were still demonstrators on the streets.

If this situation does continue, there can be little doubt that the mob will demand more blood, and events would become tolerable again only after a most vigorous crackdown from the Yugoslav Army, the one federal institution that integrates all of the state's different nationalities. The federal Government, despite the words of Mr Dizdarevic on television, cannot supply from its ranks the strong personality that Serbia seems to be demanding.

So the stage is now set for the long-awaited, and in some cases long-predicted, showdown between Mr Milosovic and the federal structure which is Tito's legacy to the Balkans. If the federal Government is understandably nervous of picking up this Serbian gauntlet, it remains to be seen for how long the Army stands by.

It is significant that so much of Tito's structure is being discredited in the slogans of the Montenegrin mob.

"Montenegro is Serbian. It was communism and Tito which divided us!" they chanted again in Niksic yesterday.

In Belgrade, historians are anxious to open up archives to "reappraise" Tito's role in the drawing of the internal frontiers in post-war Yugoslavia.

If Montenegro, whose population is as close to the Serbs as any nation in the Balkans, were to submit to incorporation into Serbia, a vital wall in the Tito order would be breached and the end of Yugoslavia as an entity may well be in sight.



A woman guiding her son's bow of prayer for Hirohito outside his Tokyo palace yesterday.

Journalists settle in for chilly Tokyo vigil

From Joe Joseph
Tokyo

Japan's newspapers and television stations are not abandoning their day-and-night vigil outside the Imperial Palace here, even though Emperor Hirohito, seriously ill and bedridden, has perked up enough to chat.

The country has been in a state of near-mourning for three weeks, expecting each day to hear that the 87-year-old Emperor, who is being drip fed and pumped daily with fresh blood, has finally given up his fight against pancreatic cancer, anaemia and jaundice.

Yesterday, he was well enough to talk to relatives and to thank the public who have sent good wishes and prayed for his recovery.

As the rest of Japan put its feet up to celebrate Sports Day, the newsmen stood at their posts outside the palace gates, a once calm spot that now has the feel of an audio electronics fair held in a refugee camp.

Television cameras and microphones fight for space between the plastic tents that shelter the 1,300 journalists.

The car park is clogged with coaches that pass for dormitories and the journalists are looking increasingly exhausted. But most are too polite to complain.

China lifts taboo on psychology as cult of individual

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

On the corner of a busy market street in central Peking, groups of people stand reading placards: "Are you a type A or a type B personality? Do you have problems at school? Can you relate to other people? Come in and we will help you solve your problems."

China's first psychology counselling centre for the masses opened earlier this year and is working to capacity. It may boast only two consultation cubicles and an enthusiastic part-time staff of seven, but it heralds the end of an era of total negation of the worth of psychology.

Dr Xu, the smiling and voluble researcher who devotes a day a week to counselling, is based at the National Psychology Teaching Institute, which runs the centre.

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She explained: "It's not that people didn't have problems before, but they were treated with political counselling. They received a little comfort and support, but no one really got to the root of their problems."

It was not very long ago that China claimed to have solved the problems of the individual by solving the problems of society, and psychology was seen as a dangerous cult of the individual. For more than 10 years during the Cultural Revolution, Dr Xu could not practice or teach.

But here, every patient is given an exhaustive questionnaire on their psychological wellbeing when they arrive. They ask: "Do you hear sounds in the night?", "Do you get angry when someone asks you to do something for them?"; and for teenagers: "Do you love your parents?"

More questions are aimed at discovering where the patient stands on the scale from being obnoxiously self-confidence to pitiably nervous. These methods may not be sophisticated, but the centre is prepared to tackle anything from sleep disorders through the problems of adolescence to sex and family disputes.

An average consultation lasts 90 minutes. With just two doctors on duty, that means about 10 patients a day — an example of admirable restraint when most things in China are geared to the push and shove of a population of more than one billion.

Even a private consultation is a novelty in a country where a doctor's clinic tends to be an open house and a consultation a public event. In the centre there is none of the rudeness and brusqueness of other services. No appointment is necessary and even the receptionist and administrator are eager amateur psychologists.

It costs two yuan — about 40 p — for a half-hour consultation. "Perhaps we'll put the prices up when people have got more used to the idea of coming here," Dr Xu said.

No-one is prescribed tranquillizers: all therapy takes the form of counselling. "It's not socialist psychology," Dr Xu said. "We cannot solve all society's problems."

There are no help-lines in China, so counsellors give their telephone numbers to patients. And as the only alternative for marital problems is mediation through the local people's congress, the doctors have also taken on the guise of marriage guidance counsellors. "Extra-marital affairs may be nothing much in England," Dr Xu said, "but here they are regarded as serious."

She added: "Reform is causing more problems. Competition and increased pressure to be efficient are making people nervous. They don't know how to cope with the new demands."

Spoilt "little emperors" — the result of the one-child policy — have also been patients. The youngest so far has been five years old, but most come when they are older. The majority of those who attend the centre are middle-aged.

Ship bomb claim

Sydney (AP) — A new television mini-series on the 1985 sinking of Greenpeace's flagship claimed that British and US intelligence services knew of the French plot before the Rainbow Warrior was blown up in New Zealand.

It suggested that the CIA and MI6 knew about the scheme but withheld the intelligence from New Zealand because its Government had enacted legislation banning visits by warships capable of carrying nuclear weapons.

Floods toll

Dhaka — More than 25,000 children aged under six will die in Bangladesh because of malnutrition and 50,000 others will go blind as a result of the devastating floods last month, the Helen Keller Foundation forecast.

Train deaths

Belgrade (Reuter) — At least 33 people were killed in a train crash in eastern Yugoslavia, the official Tanjug news agency reported.

Bodies found

Bangkok (Reuter) — Joint US-Vietnamese search teams found remains of some American servicemen missing from the Vietnam War, a US statement said.

Ugandan blast

Bombo (Reuter) — A grenade thrown during a tribal dance killed 13 people and seriously injured 17 at Uganda's Independence Day celebrations here, police said.

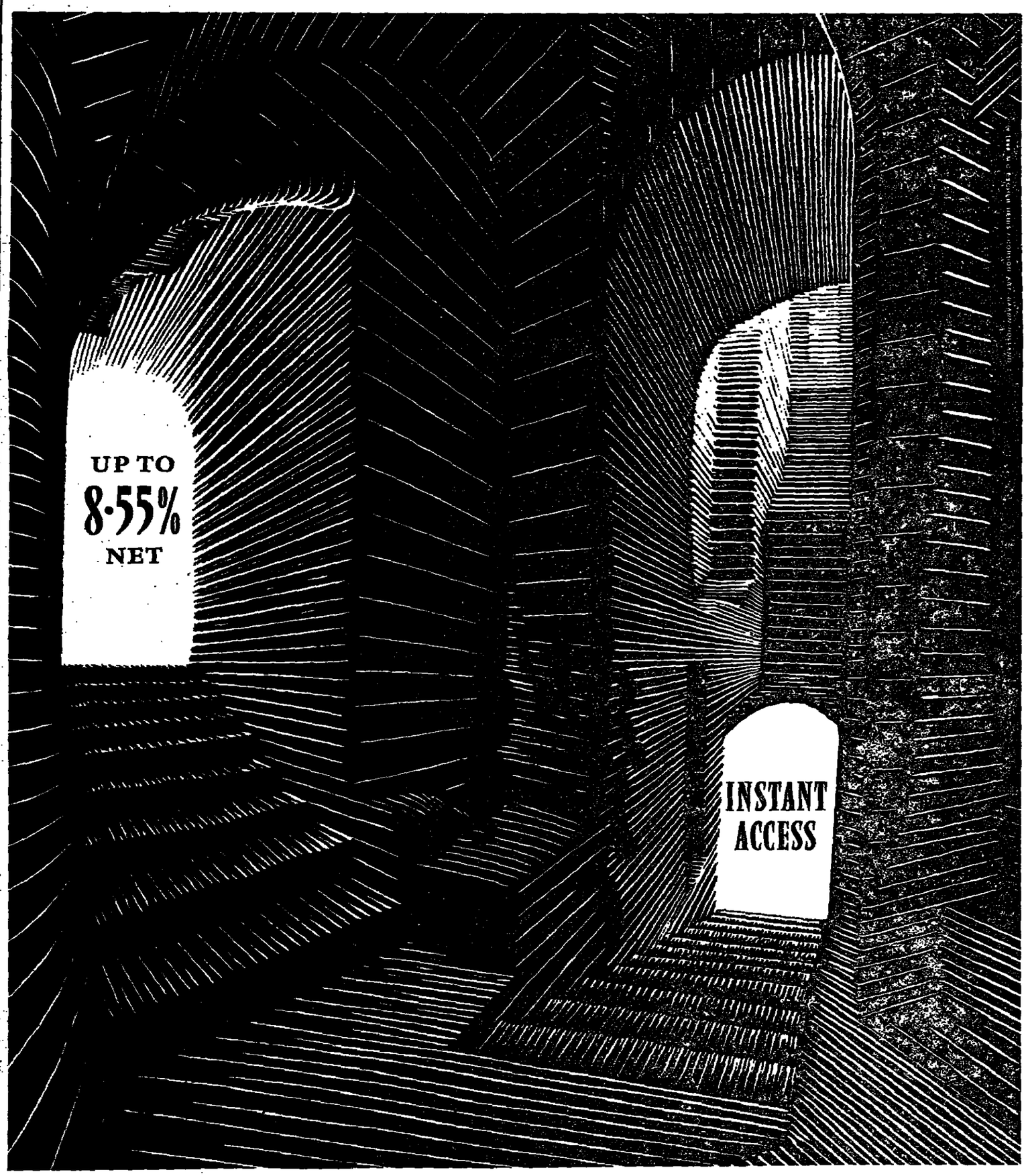
Marcos bar

Manila (Reuter) — A Philippines court rejected a petition by the deposed ruler, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, to return home and answer corruption charges, saying the decision was up to President Aquino.

Gun advice

Bonn (Reuter) — Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the West German Interior Minister, said that politicians could help to prevent terrorist attacks by carrying guns.

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Students and rebels unite against Burma Army

From Neil Kelly, Thi Baw Bo, Burma

Three Burmese rebel groups have arrived here, on the hilly edge of the Dawna range, three miles inside Burma from the Thai border, to unite in the fight for democracy. Burmese forces are 20 miles away, and other local units were moved to Rangoon last month to deal with the uprising against the military regime.

The newcomers include 2,000 fugitives from the ruthless army crackdown. They have been taken in by 1,300 Karen insurgents, who have been in rebellion against Rangoon for 40 years. Other new arrivals are a handful of Burmese expatriates driven into exile in the United States by the Burmese dictatorship.

U Tin Maung Win, who runs a seafood restaurant in Virginia, said: "I came here with a one-way ticket. I thought I was on my way back to Burma to stay permanently. Instead, here I am trying to get in, but meeting people trying to get out." The son of a cabinet minister in several of Burma's democratic governments until General Ne Win seized power in 1962, U Tin Maung Win led students' demonstrations during the 1974 uprising.

In the US, he is chairman of the Committee for the Restoration of Democracy in Burma. He has been handing over money and relief supplies donated by Americans to help the fugitives.

He said that fundraising was also going on among expatriates in Britain, Canada, Australia and Thailand.

Those who have come to the border after hard and dangerous journeys by lorry, boat and on foot possess nothing except the clothes they are wearing. Many are suffering from malaria and other illnesses and need medical supplies, food, building materials and tools, clothing and weapons.

The Karens are drawing on their own meagre supplies of food and materials to help them but have few weapons to spare, according to Major-General Tamla Baw, a senior Karen official who fought with British officers in Force 136 against the Japanese in the Second World War.

The students' leaders said that they had bought and captured a few weapons but most were old single-shot rifles. The 25 Burmese monks here admitted that they had armaments hidden in their monasteries.



U Tin Maung Win: Handing over cash raised in America.

U Than Myni, aged 35, a monk from Moulmein, said: "We don't want more bloodshed, but an armed struggle is justified because the people are fighting for all the freedoms, including religious freedom. The Army have bayoneted our people, kicked our rice bowls, and pulled down our flags, so we support the armed struggle."

The 10,000 or so people who have fled to border districts will set up their own military camps and train to fight the Burmese Army. About two-thirds are students, aged from 18 to over 30. The rest come from all walks of life. Most have joined the Karen, Mon and Shan rebels, although several hundred went to the communist insurgents near the Chinese border.

The rebel groups finance their struggle by taxing the illegal cross-border trade, which has been reduced greatly by Burma's upheaval but still goes on. Porters bent under huge back-packs of goods head for inland Burma every few minutes, while colleagues carry charcoal, teak and Burmese cheroots across a swinging wooden bridge into Thailand.

The newcomers say that they can form a bridge of understanding between the Burmans and the ethnic minorities, who hope that a democratic government will grant them the large degree of autonomy they demand.

While retaining independence, the new All-Burma Students' Democratic Front, which has been formed here, will co-operate with the Karens, who will provide military protection until the student body can form guerrilla units. One student leader, U Ko Hla Aung, aged 29, who is studying for a master's degree in philosophy at Rangoon University, said that they would ultimately have a force of 50,000 people.

"That will include suicide hit-squads, but we must also use other methods, including strikes, to paralyse the government structure."





Major-General Tamla Baw (left) and rebels at Thi Baw Bo. Donations from Burmese in Britain help to pay for their food.

He said he had made secret contacts with sections of the Army and hoped that significant numbers in the forces would desert their leaders. "We know that only nine of the 19 senior officers are loyal to the regime," he added.

In Rangoon, U Ko Hla Maung and others were marked men, as they have been leading street protests. After the army takeover three weeks ago, many of their friends were arrested. Some were executed summarily.

So they left the capital secretly and in a hurry. Some had narrow escapes as they travelled. U Ney Saw, aged 19, a technical high school student, was lucky to survive when soldiers attacked his group at Kawbein, near Moulmein, killing three of his friends.

Some students managed to bribe their way past government forces, but U Ko Myo, a botany student, was captured. When he refused to carry ammunition for the Army, soldiers beat him up with their rifles. He still has severe shoulder wounds.

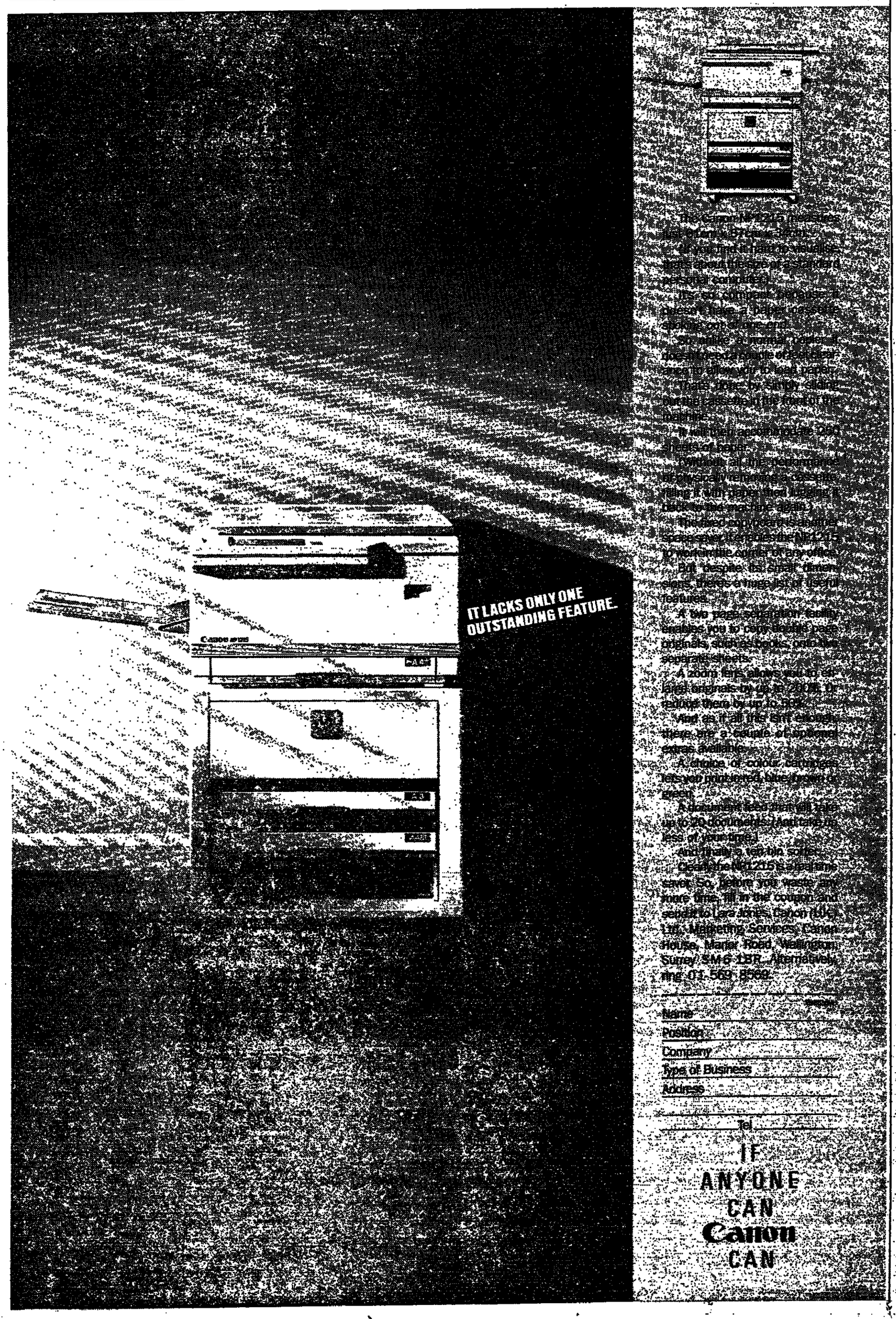
Nearly 100 women students have come here. Daw Me Me, aged 19, a student of English, was an organizer of the illegal students' union at Rangoon University, and feared for her life.

She said: "I am worried about my parents, because they don't know where I am. But I want to take part in the armed struggle. We are ready to begin a civil war."

Referring to the opposition's registration of political parties for elections to be supervised by the regime, she declared: "We don't trust the opposition leaders in Rangoon, who have broken their pledges not to co-operate with the Army Government."

● RANGOON: About 1,000 guerrillas trying to seize a government post fought fierce battles with soldiers along the river border with Thailand about 130 miles north-east of here yesterday, a government spokesman said (AP reports).

More than 150 shells from mortars and recoilless rifles fired from Thailand crashed into Methawaw on Sunday, he told a news conference. Shells fired by the guerrillas inside Burma also hit Thai territory.



Illegal exports row

US angry over poor results of Norway study

By Robert Fisk

US government officials in Washington and Paris are pouring scorn on the official Norwegian investigation into the sale of high-technology computer parts to the Soviet Union. They say that the sale allowed the Russians to manufacture more silent propellers for their nuclear submarines.

The Pentagon has been expressing its displeasure to the Norwegians and to the Japanese — whose Toshiba Machine Tool Company was also involved — that almost two years after the scandal was disclosed by an American official in Paris on January 27, 1987, not one Japanese has been imprisoned and only one man, a British subject, has been charged in Norway.

The Norwegian police, for their part, complained that eight months after they had instituted their own national inquiry they had not been granted permission to question Japanese citizens who were involved.

The Americans' bitterness is greeted with weariness and resignation by some of their European allies in the Co-ordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls, or Cocom, the organization designed to prevent strategic technology being exported to the Soviet bloc. European members of Cocom — which includes all the Nato countries except Iceland — see American suspicions as being primarily political, a product of Washington's "Cold War" mentality towards East-West trade.

The Norwegians, who suspect the Americans might also be trying to cut Europe out of the lucrative East-West technology market, are even suggesting privately that Soviet submarines had been equipped with the new propellers some two years before the software and machine tool sales to Russia took place.

But US anger is real enough. "The Norwegians have tried to fob everyone off with their police report," one senior US official said last week. "But their investigation is waffle.... They complained that the other countries would not help them; then they only had the guts to charge one man — and he was a Brit."

The Norwegians have charged Mr Bernard Green, a former employee of Kongsberg Vapenfabrikk, with giving false statements to the Norwegian Ministry of Commerce and the Customs authorities, and with sending forbidden exports out of the country.

In Japan, two of Toshiba's senior executives have already been let off with suspended jail sentences after being found guilty by a Tokyo court of involvement in the illegal sale of machine tools to the Soviet Union.

The same US official said: "What they sent to Russia was in two massive crates, each as big as a small house; so what Customs officers let that through? How much were they paid to turn a blind eye? Why were they not charged?"

The Pentagon's defence technology department was so angered by the Norwegian police report, originally completed a year ago by Mr Tore Johnsen, the Drammen chief of police, that it has now stored the entire text in one of its own computer databases in Washington as an example of how Cocom security should *not* be conducted.

The 31-page document does make extraordinary reading. As well as Japan, the Norwegians blame West Germany and Italy for violating Cocom regulations, and suggest that several US companies may also have been involved. It adds that "data received also indicates that a company in Britain on one occasion has delivered two machine tools in violation of Cocom regulations". The report does not name the British company.

Nor does it name any of the Norwegian employees of the computer software plant who were interrogated about the illegal sales, stating primly that "the witnesses' identity will not be disclosed ... in order to protect their personal privacy". The Norwegian police said that they seized more than 250,000 pages of documents during their investigation but that their attempts to discover if the company had applied for export licences to the Soviet Union for several computer parts proved fruitless, because "all documentation of this type from the relevant period has been destroyed in the (Norwegian) Ministry of Trade". The report does not venture to suggest why this should have happened.



Mr Green: The only man charged over the exports.

The Norwegians discovered that specific computer control units were used with machines for the manufacture of submarine propellers, tracing their delivery to the Soviet Baltic Shipyard and also to a Russian company identified as Stankoimport in Kiev. At least 76 deliveries of parts were illegal under Cocom regulations.

Other sales involved deliveries to a French manufacturer — no charges were laid against its employees — which in turn sent them on to Leningrad and Volgodonsk in the Soviet Union.

The Russians, the Norwegians concluded, would have wanted to acquire the systems' programme listings to modify a computer controller at Volgodonsk. Norwegian employees appear to have been in possession of these listings when they visited the Soviet company. But "during the installation period, (the listings) were stored in a mobile workman's shed, which was locked but to which the Russian interpreters had a key". For this reason, the report says, the listings had to be regarded as compromised.

SPECTRUM

The woman behind the mask

Bryan Appleyard delves beneath the layers of make-up and artifice in search of the real Joan Collins

CHRIS HARRIS



The public face of the soap star, and its protector: Joan Collins and her agent in London, promoting a new book which might be too closely based on her own Hollywood life and loves

Joan Collins is sitting in a suite in Claridge's. She wears black high heels, black tights, a short black skirt and a white blouse. Her hair tumbles in the approved fashion. The lipstick is applied to create a sharp downward V-shape on her upper lip and her no-coloured eyes are savagely outlined by thick pencilled curves which form two dagger-like points at the outer edges. She is swathed in thick gold chains and her forearms are armoured with a huge collection of bangles.

She looks like an ageing sado-masochist's dream. Except, that is, for the curiously large head, which seems imperfectly balanced on the startlingly fragile body and the thin, actressy voice which emerges from the whole terrifying concoction.

In fairness, it has to be said that she is not well. "I've got this ghastly flu. I got it in New York from the air-conditioning. It's so annoying. I can't shift it — and I'm never ill."

The bug meant she was well behind with her promotion schedule. There has been a photo-call and a press conference and a large number of public relations men fussing about the place. Tea, black with lemon, has to be assembled to soothe her throat. But the show has to go on and there is her first novel to plug.

"I like writing," she says, the throat now soothed and the legs assembled at the approved angle. "I've written bits of novels since I was six or seven. I edited the form magazine in the fourth form. I was always very good at English at school."

In fact, it is her fourth book. The first was an autobiography, the second a beauty book and the third a diary of the days she spent with her daughter in a coma. *Prime Time*, the novel, is a nasty run around life in the Hollywood television business. The heroine is an English singer who attains stardom through a part in a big soap opera called *Saga*. Collins, of course, made it big in a soap called *Dynasty*. Wasn't the novel, therefore, rather riskily close to home?

"It would be far more risky to write a novel about cricket or flower-arranging — things that I know nothing about. I talked to people who are writers, and they all said you should write about things you know inside out in your first novel. Anyway, I have to tell you that the older I get, the less I give a damn about what people think. I really couldn't care less about what anybody thinks except the public."

The eyes, the only visible organic surface on her entire face, stare back, waiting to be challenged. She is wary and defensive, ready to stamp on the slightest sign of a cheap crack or a trick question.

"Writing was sometimes easy, sometimes not. There were certain things that wrote themselves. But I did not like writing the violent scene. I'm very non-violent. The other thing was the sexual passages, which I rather avoided. The first scene was between Matt and Chloe. *I'd just written in the* manuscript that this was a very romantic love scene. After two and a half years, my editor asked: 'When am I going to see all of this scene?' "

The sex, presumably, we can accept as being derived from life. But it turns out that the violence includes an element of reportage. The novel includes a character called *Calvin, a murderous nut* who stalks the heroine.

"That character seemed to be alive in my mind. I've had that sort of thing happen to me in a minor way. It's not necessarily people wanting to kill you. They just sit outside your house day after day. Once two people walked into my bathroom when I had just come out of the shower with a towel round me — this was when I had a guard in the house. It just happened they were fans. Unfortunately there is this climate of fear that favours the types of characters I play. People think I am the same bitchy, venal, vindictive swine that I play."

Including, of course, the press. The British tabloid corps features heavily in the novel, invariably with hideous pock-marked faces. "I have to say I don't know any people who are great admirers of the British tabloid press. Do you?"

"Well, I am." She looks staggered, horrified.

"I could paper the room with the lies that have been written about me. There are certain tabloid magazines in Italy that just make up stories. Now the British press has started picking up these stories. There was one about some idiot Italian actor I was supposed to be going out with. It just goes in my cuttings, perpetuating the myth of Joan Collins with her toy boys. I don't consider somebody of 42 a toy boy."

The irony of her position appears to escape her. She is a tabloid queen made by the tabloids and happy to feed their fantasies, yet she wants to sneer at them, too.

Her model of manhood is the sort of sinewy hunk who has lived a little, made a few mistakes, but is basically possessed of the Right Stuff of soap opera masculinity. Femininity involves embalming your youth, looking as much as possible like a 20-year-old until the coffin lid finally closes.

"A lot of my fans are women over 35. I represent something to them which is hopeful. You can laugh at this . . ." — I had not dared — ". . . and a lot of feminists with moustaches can laugh at it, too. But the fact of the matter is that it is a very sad indictment of our society that women's attractiveness is supposed to have dissipated by the time they reach their early thirties. People are only interested in women if they have a cute, tight little bum and a wrinkleless face. If men can be accepted as attractive in their forties, fifties and sixties, then women can be, too. Of course, it has to do with looking after yourself."

The novel ends with the heroine reunited with the real love of her life, but Collins denies there is any chance of her returning to any of a long list of husbands and lovers. And she is reluctant to admit that she appears to have been a bad judge of men.

"I certainly don't think that Tony (Newley) and Ron (Kass) were bad men by any means. I'm still close to Tony — he's the father of my two eldest children. Ron, unfortunately, died. He was addicted to drugs, that's why I left him. Tony was a good person, he was just flawed. He was chronically unfaithful and I find that impossible to live with."

She has taken three weeks off to promote *Prime Time*, having just completed two more "eps" of *Dynasty*. Nine more will finish the season and then she is considering whether to abandon her seven-year-old portrayal of Alexis for good. She has a film and a series she wants to make and she wants, eventually, to be a grandmother living in a big house in the South of France.

"I think one's life is a three-act play. The first act is always really good, the second is good, but most people's third act is not so good. And I want to have a really good third act."

Back to the old theme — the constant fear of ageing and death, the horrifying belief that looking attractive involves hiding behind ever thicker layers of deception. The inhumanity is beyond her comprehension. As a parting shot I ask if anybody has wondered about the real identity of Matt, the journalist lover of her heroine.

"Nobody has asked." I am just about to plunge in with my own rumour when she is overcome with a coughing fit. "Tea," she shrieks. Jeffrey, the little public relations man, scurries to oblige.

"This is why I was late today," she splutters. "Oh God, I hope I don't end up in the London Clinic. Don't we have enough photographs? My face is brick red . . ."

Jeffrey panics and puts milk in the tea. "Oh God, what have I done?" he cries.

Joan Collins exits, pursued by her hair.

● *Prime Time by Joan Collins is published by Century Hutchinson this week (£11.95).*

Prescription for genius

Author and doctor John O'Shea draws a literary parallel between some musical giants and their illnesses

As well as a towering talent, Beethoven, Mozart and Liszt shared a remarkable gift — the ability to overcome pain and chronic illness while at the same time producing great music.

It is this link between music and medicine which fascinates John O'Shea, an Australian doctor who has recently published a theory on the death of the virtuoso violinist Nicolo Paganini. According to O'Shea, Paganini was killed by his doctors, who over-prescribed mercury as a treatment for syphilis.

O'Shea qualified as a doctor in Melbourne in 1984 and has now suspended his medical career to see through the final stages of a book provisionally titled *Music and Medicine*, which will be published by Dents next year.

As a doctor, his interest in the history of tuberculosis, syphilis and mercurial poisoning is understandable, but wherein lies the fascination with the deaths of famous composers? "I love music," he says. "The book is a tribute to the determination of composers such as Beethoven, Mozart and Liszt who, despite pain that would have killed most people, continued to produce brilliant music."

Liszt gave some of his finest concerts in London only months before his death in 1886. Although he was debilitated by a mixture of drink and cigarettes, his body hideously swollen, audiences went mad with what *The Times* called "Liszt fever".

O'Shea believes there is a curious and unexplored relationship between the great composers and their diseases. Many were hypochondriacs: Paganini, for instance, was obsessed with his bowels and suffered a chronic form of constipation.

Often, they formed close friendships with their doctors. Brahms sought the advice of his physician Nicholas Billroth, a fine pianist, on his *Second Piano Concerto*. Billroth thought the Second Movement was too long and should be left out. Fortunately, Brahms did not accept his criticism.

Billroth offered an unusual insight into the relationship between medicine and the arts when he wrote to Brahms in 1886: "I have never met a great scientist who was not basically an artist with a rich imagination and unaffected mentality . . . science and art draw upon the same source."

O'Shea agrees. "By its nature, medicine is a polyglot discipline," he says. "It has a tradition of breeding interest in the arts — certainly more so than pure physics and chemistry. Look at Keats, who was a trained surgeon, or Conan Doyle, or Somerset Maugham."

O'Shea's medical training provides him with some invaluable insights into music. "Being a doctor enables me to assess abilities and disabilities," he says. He gives a detailed analysis of Paganini's extraordinary hands, which could stretch three octaves. "Certain passages of the 24 Caprices remain unplayable by anyone else."

O'Shea is at present acting as a locum in a London hospital and is planning a book on links between world leaders and their health. Even the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo could have a partly medical explanation, he believes. Apparently the great man was suffering from a bladder infection or gonorrhoea at the time, which dissuaded him from pursuing Wellington when he had the chance.

Emma Wilkins

Scots have a word for it

NEW WORDS FOR OLD

We all need dictionaries, if only to get our spelling shipshape and Bristol-fashion. Used properly, they are by no means dull corsets on the language, but entertaining records as well as essential tools. Each has its own character: Oxford magisterial; Webster democratic polyglot Yankee; *Longman* encyclopaedic on general knowledge and most helpful to duffers at pronunciation; *Collins* brisk with the latest science and technology.

After the big Oxford, *Chambers* is the most instantly recognizable by its style and pawky humour. It represents the noble Scottish passion for education and equality of opportunity. It is also the oldest native dictionary, preceding the first fascicle of the *OED*, *A-Ant*, by 12 years. So it records the life and language of the United Kingdom for well over a century.

Robert and William Chambers were poor young men of pairts from Peebles, with a noble passion for passing on their knowledge. They started the *Chambers' Journal* in 1832: in the Galloway hills a shepherd would read it, and then pass it on to the shepherd of the next hill. Then came various encyclopaedias.

The Chambers Bros' books about creation and evolution were found odious by the Kirk, but were enormously influential. Their first dictionary was published in 1872, "at a moderate price for the general use". It was the prototypical Chambers word treasury: a cornucopia of classical, vernacular, obsolete, rare, literary, biblical, scientific, technical, simple, compound, and derived words. The seventh edition, just published, retains the virtues and idiosyncrasy of the national institution. It has dropped *Twentieth Century* from its title to be ready for the next century. It has come to an arrangement so that it is published jointly with the Cambridge University Press (which needs a dictionary), and can accordingly make use of CUP's international academic distribution network. It is an international dictionary of the English language, but its Scottish flavour survives. It is still nesting: arranging its entries in nests of related and cognate words rather than strictly alphabetically, so that "lying-in hospital", being grouped under "lie", comes before "Liebig" the beef extract or glass condenser. This can make the unwary miss a word by looking for it in strict alphabetic order, but it allows room for longer and more interesting explanations of each nest of words. Catherine Schwarz (daughter of an old Chambers graduate) and her team will reconsider the advantages of whether to nest or not to nest for the next edition they are already working on.



Their other problem is that Chambers cannot go on indefinitely growing much bigger without spilling over into two volumes. For the present here is the latest report on the state of our universal language, from *Milquetoast* to *zek* to *jizz* to *awdl*. If you want a one-volume dictionary for a good read as well as reference, and an occasional gasp or chuckle with a faint Scottish accent, Chambers is your book.

Philip Howard

● Chambers English Dictionary, *edited by Catherine Schwartz (Chambers Cambridge University Press, £15.95).*

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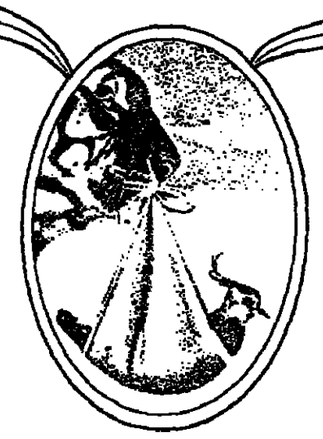
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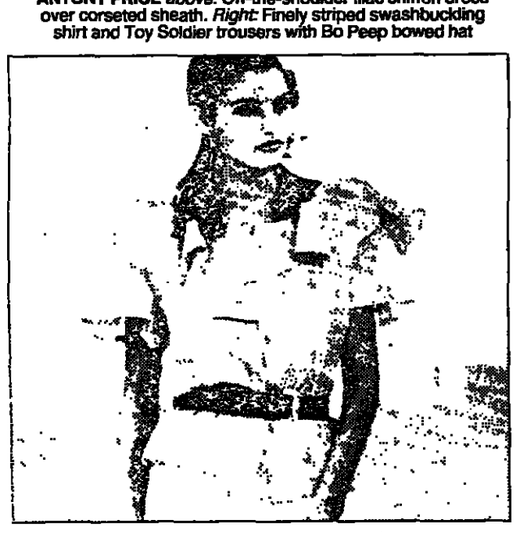








ANTONY PRICE *above:* Off-the-shoulder lilac chiffon dress over corseted sheath. *Right:* Finely striped swashbuckling shirt and Toy Soldier trousers with Bo Peep bowed hat



WORKERS FOR FREEDOM *above:* Prairie blouse with pretty petalled collar. Photographs by JOHN ROGERS

KATHARINE HAMNETT *above:* Pale blue hand-knitted cardigan with ruffled edge and matching trousers. JASPER CONRAN *top right:* Flared tunic over skirt in navy, brown and buttermilk printed silk. WORKERS FOR FREEDOM *below right:* Silver sequinned tunic and long raffia skirt

London Fashion Week has celebrated an exuberant revitalized Hippie Look, complete with hipsters, bell-bottoms, platform soles and psychedelic prints

"You go and buy the T-shirt. I'll see you after the show." This casual exchange between two American store buyers outside the Ritz on Saturday is as vital a part of the international fashion saga as all the polished clothes that are paraded at any designer show.

London has a Look. On the street, it is the T-shirt that revolves around the Acid *House sub-culture. At the* shows, it is the hippie look. Hipster pants, transparent shirts and platform soles, Nehru jackets in sharp colours, flared Loons, even a youth in a heavy-fringed Beatles bob, have all been spotted. What was merely the germ of an idea with trendsetters has now been given form for the mass manufacturers to follow by a joyous and authoritative show staged in London on Sunday.

When Katharine Hamnett, dressed in a psychedelic cat suit, turned up the volume on the loud pulse beat of her Rolling Stones tape and sent out a series of fresh images in washed silk, linen and twinkling sari gauze, worn with platform shoes, she crystallized the emerging fashion look and showed how it could be frisky.

It's a look that has been picked up with equal confidence by our most establishment designer, Jean Muir. Her abstract-splashed cashmere tunics in acid yellow, violet or red, her peplum jackets in glossy kid worn with longer skinny skirts, look like the perfect refinement of the hippie mood in fashion. Hers is perhaps more kinetic in its interpretation than psychedelic, but it is just as much a part of the lively fashion mood seen over the weekend.

Designer of the Year Rifat Ozbek's kaftans and Moorish pyjama suits, Workers For Freedom's tie-dyes and raffia skirts, as well as Betty Jackson's very commercial collection of saffron linen dresses, voile sarongs and embroidered tunic jackets, all provided high points in fashion's long weekend of shows.

Dawn Mello, heading the buying team from Bergdorf Goodman in New York, seemed *happy with what she* had found in London. "Ideas, imagination, the individual look of British designers. That's what we're here for." Anouska Hempel's dramatic, sculpted evening dresses in dark crunched crêpe seen at her tiny studio were snapped up. Jean Muir's collection singing with elegant colour, as well as Katharine Hamnett's exuberant washed silks, were *hot sellers.*

The spontaneous whoosh of gossamer voile and embroidered chiffon, fringed silk and transparent lace, that is causing a flurry through the international designer shows (Milan last week, Paris next) appears to be in its natural *habitat in London. This is* where the hippie look began almost two decades ago. The new generation of designers to tune in to the laid-back look of gypsy skirts and bell-bottomed trousers, and to turn on to psychedelic colours and mystic prints, have a commercial shrewdness that earlier generations lacked.

Hamnett celebrated at the weekend the opening of her *own shop on Sloane Street. "I* try to create a sensation with thoroughly unsensational clothes," Hamnett once said. She succeeds. In her upbeat presentations the uniform simplicity of her easy separates exudes an energy that other more tricksy designers fail to achieve.

The respect that Galliano commands in the fashion world was reflected in the large international crowd that swarmed into the tent for his show. But even Galliano's expert bias cut and his glowing spectrum of rusty reds could not lift the gloom of his downbeat line.

Jasper Conran, a designer who normally senses perfectly *what a chic woman needs for* modern life, and who carved out a unique niche supplying the only easy tailoring in London's mass of evening specialists, has abandoned his customer. He experiments too with a bias cut, caped shoulders and murky colours which most women will find difficult to carry off. Most successful are his criss-cross wrapped jackets in navy or soft red *gaberdine, and double-*breasted jackets that tie at the side.

Richard Nott and Graham Fraser, whose small Soho shop Workers For Freedom blossomed into an international fashion enterprise with £1 million sales around the world, made a confident debut showing in the "big tent" alongside the Exhibition Centre at Olympia for the first time. *With their signature* look of classic separates sparked off with folksy detailing like "knot" fastenings and fresh primitive prints, Workers seem to have a head start on the hippie look. Theirs is a polished version, with silver sequinned chiffon tunics and *trousers,* ruffled shirts worn under tasselled tan suede jackets and tie-dye silk pyjamas. Antony Price creates an upbeat style *much in demand* with a showbusiness clientele. He scored a success with his new Toy Soldier suits with their high-waisted trousers, and Bo Peep crinolines.

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PEOPLE

Brisk business in glamour

Many of the real stars of *British fashion chose not to* stage a fashion show, but settled down to the real purpose of the long weekend, selling the London Look.

Business is generally brisk in the sort of showy Ascot suits that play an important part of the London season, and the grand ballgowns that are the speciality of our top couturiers. But this season it is the short dramatic evening dress that is the star on both sides of the Atlantic. **Bruce Oldfield** parades his summer collection on November 1 at a grand gala in London in aid of Dr Barnardo's.

Arabella Pollen introduced a pretty heart-shaped bra to her sculpted strapless dresses. **Edina Ronay** revives the sprigged Thirties tea dress. **Gina Fratini** mixes colourful Provencal prints in her puffed sleeved jackets and flounced skirts. **Bellville Sassoon** and **Lorcan Mullany** divide their glamorous collections into "society" (swags of duchesse satin) and "store" (off-the-peg frocks in swathed chiffons).

Customers of **Caroline Charles** will be encouraged to clash violet, red, peach, yellow in her wild silk gold buttoned jackets and skirts, which she paraded at her show yesterday at the end of the hectic four-day stint of selling.

Joan Collins kept appearing throughout the weekend dressed in different numbers from **David** and **Elizabeth Emanuel's** latest collection. On *Wogan* she was wearing their new boned black moiré suit, and for signing books in Harrods a low-necked Prince of Wales check ensemble.

Catherine Walker chose the most exclusive venue of all for her parade, the wedding in Hereford cathedral of **Camilla Dunne** and **Rupert Soames**. She not only dressed the bride (in embroidered white georgette) and the bride's mother, but also **Selina Scott** in midnight blue velvet coat dress, *and her most celebrated* customer of all, the **Princess of Wales**, in peacock green ottoman suit.



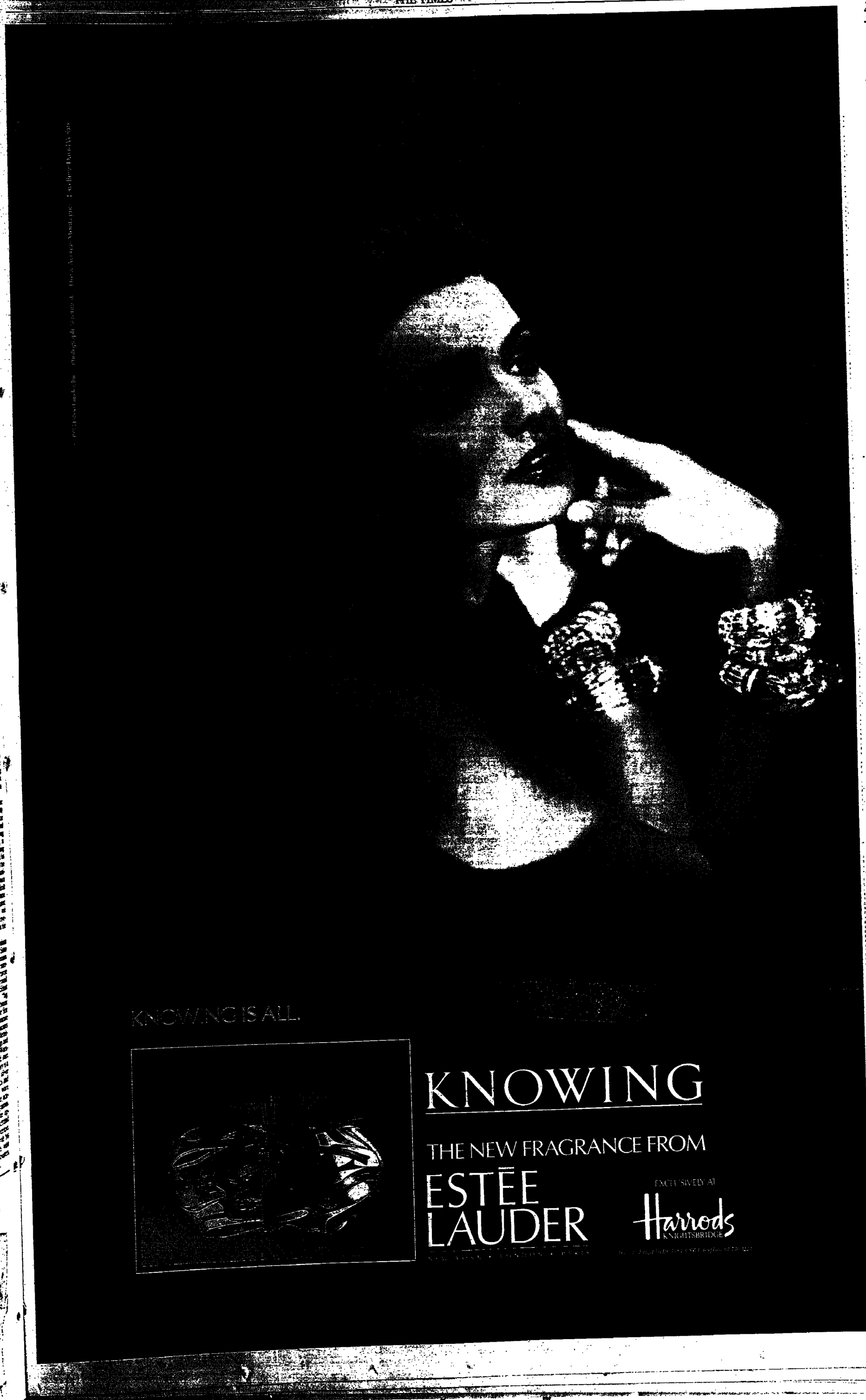
Black and white striped suit, Arabella Pollen

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THE ARTS

Washing their dirty socks in public

Television presenters in Britain used to wear evening dress and some, like Esther Rantzen, still retain a fondness for sequins. Others like to bolster their sense of authority with huge desks or special chairs.

The Oprah Winfrey Show (Channel 4) is an American import which does not subscribe to such elitist ideals. Here the studio is a temple dedicated to the normal person as that concept is understood in Chicago: the presenter's role is to participate rather than pontificate.

Channel 4 are screening this show a few days after its airing in America, which is a pity. British audiences would certainly have gained understanding of the Oprah phenomenon if they had seen more of her earlier work. Oprah Winfrey made her name, and fought her way from an obscure local channel to a nationwide network, with a number of devastatingly frank emotional investigations – rape, sexual harassment, domestic violence or addiction were her ideal topics.

What we have now is the small stuff, entertaining but scarcely shocking. The programme belongs to the genre of American female-oriented daytime shows in which domestic minutiae are of great

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significance. Last night the theme was tidiness, and husbands were in the dock accused of being either perfectionists or slobs.

There were the neat freaks who filed their screwdrivers, squared-off their socks in piles, washed the garden gravel and tidied their wives' handbags. Against them stood the slobs: none of them hung their clothes up or washed up their dishes. One put his underwear in the fridge, another crammed whole rooms to the ceiling with junk and the worst left the worms to rot in his fishing tackle box for a month.

It was an enthralling insight into the home life of what are considered average American families. The victims were full of what Oprah called "TV savvy". Every marriage was a wise-cracking double act and the women conducted video tours of their homes as well as any trained reporter.

The series' appeal has always been Oprah Winfrey's style. In a profession peopled with Barbie doll clones, she is plump and black. Success has bought her bigger earrings, better grooming and a resemblance to the late Judy Garland. However, it is her tone and manner which makes the difference.

She is often violently emotional, but also dignified, down to earth and above all respectful towards the people she interviews. If they burst into tears, she cries her eyes out in sympathy with one ear listening to her director. Watching Oprah makes you forget the vulgarity of Esther Rantzen, the condescension of Clare Rayner and the aweful closeness of all the rest.

Celia Brayfield

In the search for modernism, **John Russell Taylor** finds that art is going around in circles and even back to the stone age

A chip off the old block

GALLERIES

Scultura
Yorkshire Sculpture Park, West Bretton, Wakefield

Nam June Paik
Hayward Gallery

Bernard Faucon
Rebecca Hossack

Ewen Henderson
Galerie Besson

Simon Lewty
Anne Berthoud

Michael Leventis
Solomon



Keeping ahead of the times: Igor Mitoraj's "Héros de Lumière", a cunning manipulation of classical fragments, at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Fifteen or 20 years ago we did know fairly clearly what we meant by "modern" and what sort of thing, very roughly, we might expect to see if we went to a show which advertised its allegiance to the avant-garde. But now, of course, we live in a pluralist world where often the most advanced, being probably Post-Modern, is likely to look the most traditional and retrograde. But even if the arts seem to be going around in circles (not to say ever-decreasing circles), in fact they never come back to precisely the same place: the one thing we cannot help being, no matter how hard we try, says Dali, is modern.

If nothing else, **Scultura**, the show at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park until November 27, offers a clear demonstration of this fact. It is, naturally, of sculpture. But that term has covered a multitude of sins in the last few years, so it is best to say at once that the works shown here have nothing whatever to do with the pile-of-sand, coil-of-rope-and-fire-pail-in-the-corner school of sculptural invention. On the contrary, they are all carvings in stone, and some of them even in white marble, that most classic of media. Well, that need not be much of an encouraging sign either, when one considers the enormities of kitsch which have been confided to white marble in the recent past.

But fear not: all 17 of the artists represented belong very decidedly to our own time. Not by way of some frenzied assertion, but simply because they cannot help it. And these days they have an amazing variety of styles to choose from without forfeiting their right to serious consideration as moderns. Perhaps the most striking single piece, Igor Mitoraj's "Héros de Lumière", is also, by chance, the most modish, since its cunning manipulation of classical fragments – the idea, not the actuality, since the two main apparent fragments are really one piece of stone which read as one or two or more depending on your angle of vision – is Post-Modern if anything here is. But you can see the same kind of illusionism in one of the most geometrically abstract pieces, the poised cube by Hilde van Sumere.

Other sculptors go off in completely different directions from their common starting-point in stone quarried at Carrara, Massa or Pietrasanta. Jorgen Haugen Sorenson puts together pieces of rough-hewn stone which look almost (but of course not quite) as though they might just have happened. Gigi Guadagnucci carves vaguely plant-like forms of the greatest delicacy. Barry Flanagan is at his most elfin with shapes like toadstools or cromlechs. Pietro Cascella constructs a space littered with evidently sacred objects, even if sacred only to the cult of the sun. And Hidetoshi Nagasawa contributes his snake, curving expressively in dismembered sections across the grass: not so much a literal snake as the essence of snake-ness, exquisitely crisp and precise for all its seeming informality.

These pieces, however abstract, are close to what we have always thought of as sculpture. **Nam June Paik**, who is having a mini-retrospective at the Hayward until December 11 (in company with the splendid Eisenstein show I wrote about from Oxford and an odd but interesting show of antique Tiger Rugs from Tibet), is much closer to the experimental re-definitions of the Sixties. He should be, for that is exactly when he emerged, having forsaken his native Korea for Germany and then New York in the heyday of performance art, video art, the assemblage and the installation. His work has something of all of these incorporated in it, though first and foremost it is video art.

Video art in a rather special sense, however. It is not so much art on video (though there are some videos pure and simple included), but art with television sets which – such is the nature of television sets – show videos on their screens from time to time. Usually the set is the medium, the tape is the message, but here pattern is all. The sets are piled up into pyramids, or put together in the shape of robot-men, or installed in sketchy approximations of a theatre or a living-room. And away they flash, blinking colourfully in the dark or sometimes returning just one static image, as when Paik gives new meaning to the idea of Buddha's self-contemplation by setting up a Buddha in front of a television set which gives back to him an image of himself he can contemplate for all eternity, or at least until the current fails.

Anyone who finds all this a little too heady might do well to adjourn to the Rebecca Hossack Gallery at 35 Windmill Street, where until November 5 the French photographer **Bernard Faucon** has his own mini-retrospective. Though Faucon admits to having made at least one film short in extreme youth, in fact his interests could hardly be more removed from the motion part of the motion picture. Sometimes, as in the the series of pictures of store-window dummy children in natural environments, some kind of history seems to be implied, but what is not there, what we supply with our own imagination, is just as important as what is.

Ewen Henderson, at the Galerie Besson until the end of the week, also creates his own world in his own unmistakable style. He is a sculptor, yes, though on a very small scale. His choice of material happens to be ceramic. But though some of his works are roughly in the form of platters or teabowls, function counts for virtually nothing: the shape, colour and texture are all. And in the larger pieces, all connection with domestic pottery vanishes: these are pieces torn from the living rock, or churned into existence in some volcanic explosion.

On show at Anne Berthoud until November 12, **Simon Lewty** observes wrily that he is not sure whether he is Post-Modern or Pre-Ancient. He again has evolved his own form of discourse, and his own medium for the message. Not exactly a painter, not entirely a draughtsman, not primarily a calligrapher. He sees the past and the present, the real and the imaginary, interfused in a way which recalls perhaps the films of Peter Greenaway or the novels of Peter Ackroyd or Howard Brenton's *The Romans in Britain* or, above all, David Jones, though curiously enough the writings much more than the visual works. In a word, his work is a puzzlement, but a puzzling delight.

And then there is **Michael Leventis**. His first one-man show, at the Solomon Gallery until October 28, comes to us, extraordinarily enough, with a testimonial from Francis Bacon, and there is no doubt at a glance that Leventis is a great admirer of Bacon. But the influence, usually disastrous on less hardy beings, is here absorbed and used to produce something unmistakably personal and strong in its individuality. The subject-matter of Leventis's work includes segmented and more straightforward portraits, pictures of dead meat hanging or lying, architectural details and even, unexpectedly, flower-pieces. He sometimes uses collage; he sometimes mottles his paint with Letraset. He is very diverse, and yet entirely consistent.

Master of perfection

CONCERTS

Fischer-Dieskau /Höll
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Even the lone clarinetist on Hungerford Bridge was honouring the occasion in his own cunning transcription of the *Dichterliebe*: Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau was back in town. Schumann was chosen as the single focus of the first of his three recitals (Schubert tomorrow, Strauss on Friday), and there can be few more powerful experiences than watching that most literate of Lieder singers meeting quite the best-read song composer of them all.

The further Fischer-Dieskau travels, though, in his incessant and indefatigable search for the very essence of his art, the more the learning recedes and the responses of composer to poet, re-creator to creator become inseparably fused. His opening group of Rückert settings had a euphoric simplicity about them: the voice leaned forward on the vowels, words sidled into place, and then a sense of extreme relaxation would suddenly harden into a resilient, almost physical defiance.

A particular quality of withdrawn half-voice, such that the words barely moved the air, had the audience in a state of near hypnosis for "Meine Rose" and, later, Eichendorff's "Der Einsiedler" (The Hermit). Fischer-Dieskau's tinting of the single word "Morgenrot" (dawn) with a degree warmer sound was just one example of a new level of artistic perfection which is characterizing his performances.

Neither is it, at 63, a question of artistry masking or distracting the ear from inevitable vocal weaknesses. For Fischer-Dieskau it is as though his own new insights and the considerable stimulus of those of his accompanist, Hartmut Höll, act as a fertilizer on the voice's own productivity.

So it was in the range of colour, timbre and dramatic pacing of which he was master in the biting Heine and Hans Andersen settings which dominated the evening. In the staring, expressionistic horror of "Es leuchtet meine Liebe", the narrative anguish he uncovered in both "Die beiden Grenadiere" and "Der Soldat", and in the strange, distant introspection of his "Der Spielmann", Fischer-Dieskau incarnated nothing less than the paradoxes of the German romantic psyche itself.

After the feverish frivolity of Geibel's gypsy and smuggler songs came five encores, and a final promise of wit as well as wisdom later in the week.

Hilary Finch

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Few of Schoenberg's works are exactly overplayed, but the Four Orchestral Songs op.22 must be among the rarest in performance. They require a singer who can be at once impersonal and visionary, and also smoothly melodic within the rootless world of fluid atonality. Even more challengingly, they require a large orchestra to act as a complex, co-ordinated system of chamber ensembles, never as a unity. The colouring is as varied and as vivid, even as livid, as in the composer's paintings of the period, making a special point of the oily sound of six clarinets in unison, the fragility of a quartet of flutes, the dangerous exposure of long violin melodies played without support, the sudden shock of heavy brass.

This performance by the Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra, conducted by James Blair, was an admirable effort at the untoward, and it had the benefit of Christine Cairns's concern and arching phrasing. She had bravely taken over the songs at short notice, and possibly would have been able to sing with less evident carefulness had she had longer to prepare.

However, a certain under-realized quality may be in the nature of the work. This was the only composition Schoenberg published during the decade after *Pierrot lunaire*: it is the single, unsettling message of a man adrift, moving slowly and uncertainly towards his grasp on a new security of serialism and religious testimony. It may thus be inevitable and indeed essential that the solo voice sounds here, unusually for Schoenberg, to lack authority. Certainly the lonely circumspection with which Cairns voiced the poems by Rilke had its own courage and dignity.

Paul Griffiths

The Berlin Symphony Orchestra is not West Berlin's premier orchestra, as was stated in the introduction to yesterday's interview with conductor Claus Peter Flor, but is in fact from East Berlin.

The Shadow of a Gunman
Lyceum, Edinburgh

Home truths for saints and sinners

THEATRE

Donal Davoren, unlike his hero Shelley, will never throw stones through the stained glass windows of Irish religious or political bigotry. Caught up in the events of Dublin in May 1920, the poet accepts the pretence of being a gunman on the run to gain respect from the other inhabitants of this rotting tenement.

Other characters with a dimly glimpsed view of their own tawdriness project more glorious images of themselves. In this production the pathos of their situation is not always realized and opportunities for relishing a particular dream were missed. But the text remains angry and pertinent today. How many individuals ever give themselves wholeheartedly to political events?

O'Casey's Ireland, the country of saints and scholars, is inhabited here by the self-deluding and the ignorant. It is their tragedy that they missed the chance of building a new Ireland because they are so busy building their own self image. It is our loss that Hugh Hodgart's direction did not point to this pathetic element more fully and that so much of O'Casey's irony was held in check till the second act.

When the Black and Tans erupt violently on to the stage, we see at last the outcome of a nation at odds with its own identity. O'Casey's general view of widespread selfishness is highlighted against Minnie Powell's altruism as she is dragged off screaming in innocent white. Lisa Grindall pays the price for Donal's self delusion with purity, her Irish eyes shining. The irony that she has assumed the role of Kathleen ni Houlihan, Yeats's great national heroine went by largely unnoticed, not only by Stuart Hepburn's superstitious Seamus Shield or Jamie Newall's self-engrossed Donal.

The set was impressively cluttered it is true, but why O'Casey's Return Room should be envisaged by Gregory Smith as a large stairwell was beyond me. It added only distance and difficulties to the comings and goings of a community living on top of itself. Romance and realism fight it out while the poet, who should lead the march towards personal responsibility and individual maturity, gets lost in his own vision. How true this is when the IRA itself is split, when Adolphus Grigson' Orange songs seem naive, when hiding in drink offers comfort, when women are not liberated, and when religious differences still divide a nation. Seamus understands the need for identification in a cause, but it is the tragedy underlying this play that like the characters the causes themselves are mostly hot air.

Superbly structured, O'Casey's play gathers to a greatness as each delusion is stripped off. In the 80s we have any amount of opportunity to see plays films and news coverage about Ireland. O'Casey's play puts political division back into the hearts and minds of the people.

Tinch Minter

Short and unsweet

OPERA

La traviata/Die Entführung
Glyndebourne

If Glyndebourne Touring Opera find themselves lacking quite their customary momentum on their travels, it is less the fault of individual performances than of the orchestral playing and musical direction.

La traviata and *Die Entführung* both suffer from ragged playing and sluggish pacing. And this is all the more evident because both productions have been still further pared down: Christopher Newell (for Verdi) and David Edwards (for Mozart) have simplified stagings both of which have been steadily streamlined during their evolution.

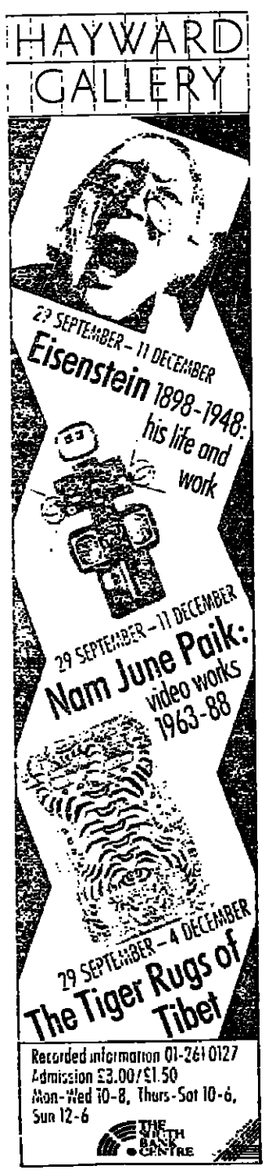
It is hardly Graeme Jenkins' fault if Fiorella Pediconi sings flat nearly all the way through "Ah, fors e lui", but too often his baton fails to take the pulse of the moment. If Pediconi carries her part through increasingly powerfully it is in spite of, not thanks to, the playing of the London Sinfonietta Opera Orchestra. Tibère Raffalli, singing his first Glyndebourne Alfredo, is a rough but bright diamond; his father, played by Elia Padovan making his British debut, is as yet tentative in fleshing out what is a difficult role.

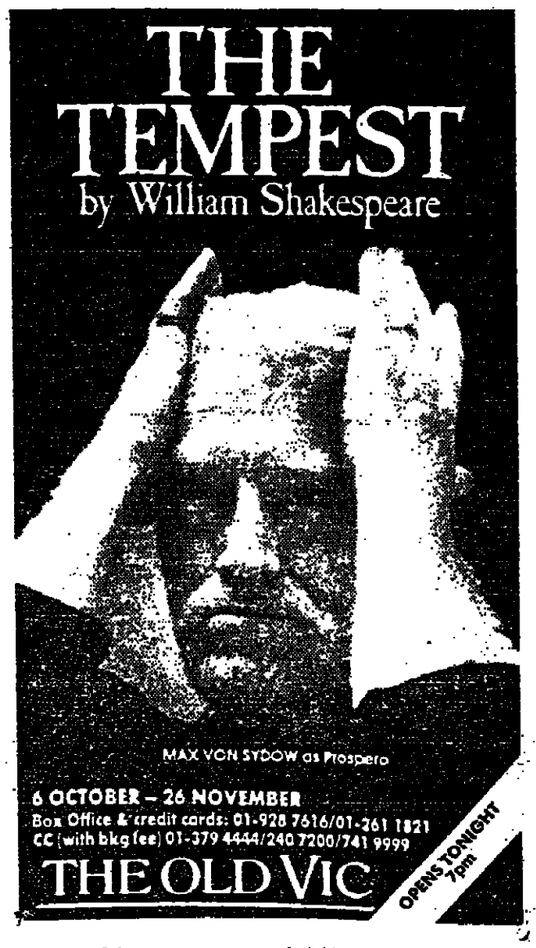
I would advise future audiences to equip themselves with plenty of tissues: not to mop up the tears but to filter the noxious cigar smoke which drifts from the stage into the stalls during Acts 1 and 2. No such problem in *Die Entführung*: Osmin has quite enough to cope with in the temptation of the vine. He cuts quite a figure, too, in the full-bodied musicianly bass of Peter Rose. But the singers have plenty to contend with. Wojciech Michniewski, guest conductor of the Polish Chamber Orchestra and making his British debut, chooses slow tempi, phrases only slackly, and blunts the edges of accent and attack, without which the score's percussive elements become merely harsh.

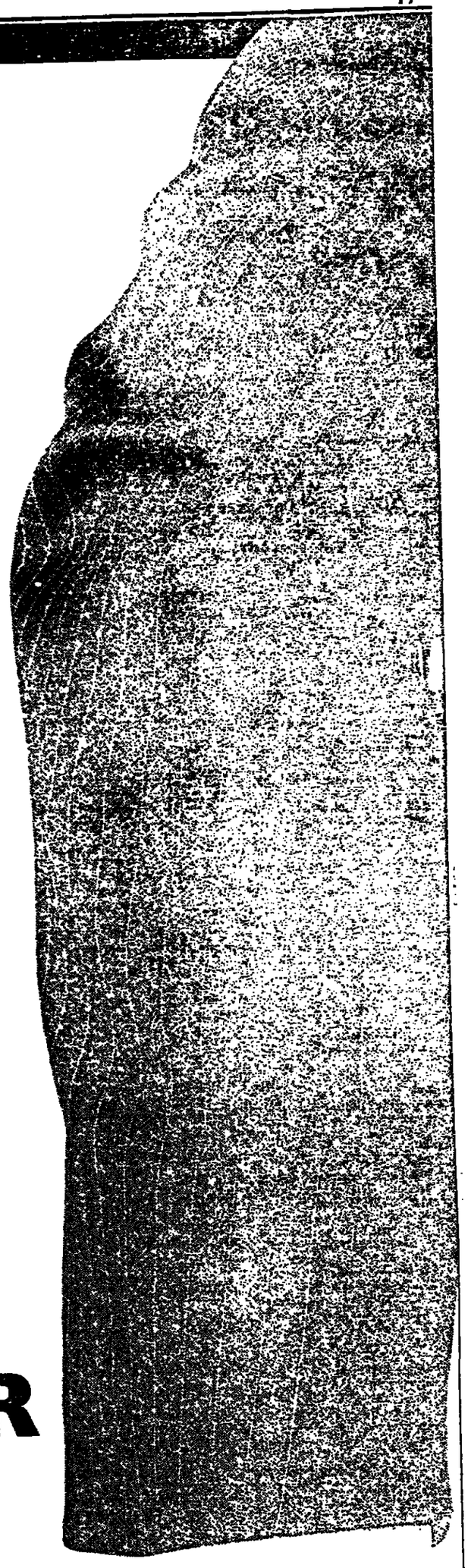
As Belmonte, Martyn Hill leavens the heavy orchestral dough with his own astute phrasing. It has been fascinating to watch the operatic muscle of his tenor develop, even if it now tends to be at the expense of true lyric agility. His Konstanze, Rosa Mannion, has already been put through her paces in the summer: she, above all, needs firmer orchestral support in the vulnerable upper reaches of an otherwise lustrous soprano.

Harry Nicoll makes a promising house debut as an amiable, fresh-voiced Pedrillo; Yvonne Barclay is a tireless Blonde, and Jonathan Veira does his best with the severe and somewhat under-characterized Passa Selim of this production.

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TIMES DIARY

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I flew into London last week from sunny California into a typically grey London day. Such subfusc conditions are often the source of lamentation but to me they are as beautiful as anything found in warmer and more constant climates. The trouble is that we are not taught to appreciate their subtleties. Furthermore, London winter drabness is punctuated by bright splashes of colour to which it provides a splendid counterpoint. They come mainly from the ceremonies for which the capital is famous. We have the Lord Mayor's Procession and the State Opening of Parliament to look forward to, occasions greatly appreciated by the populace. We are a people of a strong but suppressed imagination and hence care about the show.

The season of ancient ceremonies got off to a fine start with the Judges' Breakfast held at the invitation of the Lord Chancellor in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords. It originated in medieval times when the judges walked in solemn procession from the royal courts of justice to Westminster Abbey to invoke the guidance of Almighty God on their deliberations. And for 500 years or more they have been trekking across Parliament Square in October to inaugurate the legal year.

Famished by their spiritual exercises and strict fasting to receive Holy Communion under Catholic discipline, their lordships really needed a good breakfast, and the Lord Chancellor obligingly provided one. Today it has dwindled to a glass of wine and the odd sausage roll but the procession is as splendid as ever. Headed by the Lord Chancellor in full fig, followed by the Lord Chief Justice of England in matching glory, the puisne judges and the lords of appeal, all with individual train bearers, flow from Poets' Corner to the grand portal of the Upper House. It looks like an extended and magnificent production of *Iolanthe* and it raises the spirits on a chilly day.

While in the United States I naturally followed the presidential election with close interest. We are not much impressed here by the principal characters in the drama, but we forget a concept once much in vogue among scholastic theologians, the grace of office, which has visibly descended on at least two American presidents in my lifetime, Harry Truman and John Kennedy. I viewed the first of the two presidential debates in Wake Forest, and while American debating formalities seem a trifle stilted to one brought up in the rough and tumble of the Unions of the ancient universities and the House of Commons, they do unerringly reveal the characters of the contenders. George Bush wins on human appeal but on the intellectual level he is like a farthing dip shining in the presence of a 100-watt Dukakis lamp.

In Los Angeles I secured a coup: I not only heard but met Senator Quayle. He may not be John F. Kennedy or Teddy Roosevelt but he struck me as a thoroughly decent and competent man, comfortably on top of his subject — American missile defence — and dealt effectively with the questions of a distinguished and well-informed audience made up of members of the American Council on Foreign Affairs.

He really has been a victim of the dread American media, which took against him from the start. I hope he found comfort in my observation that in England there was much more interest in him than in the other three candidates put together.

BARRY FANTONI



'He always did have a reputation for being quick out of the stalls'

It is curious what an extraordinary turnover there has been among the great and the good in the arts world. We have the prospect of a new chairman of the Arts Council, the brilliant Peter Palumbo, Lord Armstrong is now reigning at the Victoria and Albert, Lady Soames has taken over the National Theatre from the incomparable Max Rayne. Sir John Sainsbury is busy revolutionizing Covent Garden, and almost the only plum left is the chairmanship of the Tate, which Richard Rogers is due to leave by Christmas. By tradition the Tate trustees agree on one of their own number and he is appointed. This time no consensus has emerged and those such as Sir Mark Weinberg, round whom one might have constellated, do not want it.

I hear that the eyes of the new director, Nicholas Serota, are X-raying the Civil Service, but it would take a remarkable civil servant indeed to excel in such disparate tasks as cautiously guiding the government establishment and boldly leading Britain's artistic avant garde.

Yesterday I opened an exhibition in the crypt of St Paul's tracing the planning history of the environs of St Paul's from 1966 to the present day. It closely follows a previous exhibition over which I presided as chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission on the rival schemes of Sir Philip Dowson and John Simpson for development of the precinct.

Nearly 8,000 people visited this last exhibition and their comments are now being analysed for publication by Gallup. Should not all major architectural schemes be the subject of such exhibitions? My candidate for the next is one of the biggest of them all, Kings Cross-St Pancras. This is one way of turning the Prince of Wales's dream of consulting the people on developments which concern them most into reality.

John Biffen sees dangers for the Tories in further tax cuts

Why Lawson must recant

Many commentators argue that the Conservatives are set fair to win the next election. This judgement often rests upon the alleged weaknesses of Labour. Such views are comforting for Conservatives, but they carry the deadly seeds of complacency. Labour, in favourable circumstances, can spring to parliamentary life. This was shown in the debate on the NHS when Robin Cook used the issue of funding to put the Government on the defensive.

There is an immediate lesson to be learned. If the Government's economic policy begins to lose success and direction, John Smith and Bryan Gould will prove to be formidable. Such a danger has been given uncomfortable reality by this year's tax-cutting Budget, which received almost universal Tory praise for its radicalism and was a personal triumph for Nigel Lawson. The cheers, however, did not drown some voices convinced that, overall, it dangerously neglected the symptoms of renewed inflation.

At the time of the Budget the retail price index had been rising and stood at an annual increase of 3.5 per cent. There were other warning signals. House prices were rising strongly, pay increases were ahead of prices, and businessmen were reporting a tighter employment market with instances of labour shortages. These signs were overshadowed by an ominous credit expansion which suggested the Government had adopted a relaxed monetary policy. This contrasted with the rhetoric and actions of the early Thatcher years.

Despite these circumstances, the Chancellor decided to make substantial cuts in direct income tax. Equally important, he made a commitment to a further reduction of the standard rate of income tax from 25p to 20p. This decision can now be seen as highly questionable in the context of an existing huge credit expansion. The trade deficit, admittedly difficult to interpret, has vastly exceeded the Treasury forecast, and suggests strong retail demand. Much more serious is the retail price index which is now rising at an annual rate of 5.7 per cent. This is the highest level since December 1985 and reflects an increase in the inflation rate for eight months in succession.

This situation should clearly alert, if not alarm, Conservatives. They have argued that a reduction in the inflation rate would be a hallmark of their economic policy. That commitment needs renewal. Above all there needs to be some balance between the Government's fiscal, monetary and public spending policies. That balance has been endangered by the recent over-emphasis on income tax cuts. The achievement of a rate of 20 per cent threatens to become an over-dominant factor in economic policy.

Three consequences could flow from this dominance. First, the Chancellor will be obliged to justify the tax cuts using "supply side" arguments. Since 1979 government policies have improved the national economic performance. Measures involving trade union reform, a free exchange rate and free movement of capital have all hastened economic change. None the less there will be incredulity about the proposition that marginal tax cuts will get businessmen off the golf course and into greater pursuit of profit. The Conservatives have a good range of "supply side" arguments, but they will lose the debate if they try and extend them to personal tax cuts.

Secondly, the emphasis on income tax cuts will make it even more necessary to raise revenue from other sources, which could affect the timing and treatment of the electricity and water privatization issues. There is an excellent case for both these utilities being financed by the private sector, and for ensuring a spread of ownership. These considerations should be foremost, and privatization should not be subordinated to Exchequer demands for revenue. Therefore any legislation should not be accelerated to fit a Treasury timetable, with the likelihood of yet another parliamentary session burdened with complex law that has been hurriedly and imperfectly prepared.

Thirdly, the commitment to reduce income tax will almost certainly result in further constraints on public spending. Admittedly this is essential and has long been a feature of this government's policy. None the less it must be applied with greater political and social sensitivity. The Conservatives cannot afford manifestly to underfund the growing and justified demands being placed upon the NHS.

Of course none of these adverse factors may emerge to compound the present difficulties of renewed inflation. But prudent Conservatives should make known their caution. Third-term Conservatism will surely fail if it believes its policies are beyond question. Hitherto Nigel Lawson has been widely acclaimed for his stewardship of the Treasury, but recently his policies have come under sharper scrutiny, particularly from his erstwhile profession of financial journalism and some City analysts. He has rounded on these critics as "teenage scribblers". Now the IMF has taken up scribbling.

This petulance is misplaced. He should perceive that inflation has already taken the centre stage of the economic debate, and there is a danger that the commitment to future income tax reductions could unhinge the balance between fiscal and monetary policy and public spending. That balance must be restored, and the income tax priorities made explicit in the Budget must be revised.

The present situation can only bring advantage to Labour, which will soon start claiming to be a sound-money party. The income tax cuts will be caricatured as the Tories making Britain a nation fit for yuppies, whereas Labour's tax policies will permit a better funding of health and education.

A Labour initiative in economic policy is not a mirage; it is a likely challenge in the months ahead. This parliamentary session has confirmed that the Government is fully endowed with action. Now it needs a sense of direction. That challenge awaits Nigel Lawson, or his successor. A counter-inflation strategy is essential to help preserve the economic initiative the Conservatives have largely held over the past decade.

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Ian Murray

Territorial imperatives

Jerusalem

The "wonderface" pencil holder has arrived just in time for the Israeli general election. On each of its four sides is a caricature of one of the top two men of the two main parties. Made of identikit strips a bit like a Rubik Cube, a slight twist means that sad Shimon Peres can get Yitzhak Shamir's twinkling eyes, and David Levy's ever-moving lips can replace the monosyllabic mouth of Yitzhak Rabin. In all it can be twisted to create no fewer than 1,024 different faces.

None of them at the moment seems to fit Israel's pressing needs and, with opinion polls showing support for the two main groups of parties still split roughly 50-50, the election on November 1 seems likely to result in a further stalemate of decision-making.

The campaign, packaged with slick American efficiency for bored television audiences, is having difficulty getting off the ground, principally because the arguments are so well known by now that electioneering seems to have been going on ever since the formation of the inaptly named National Unity government four years ago.

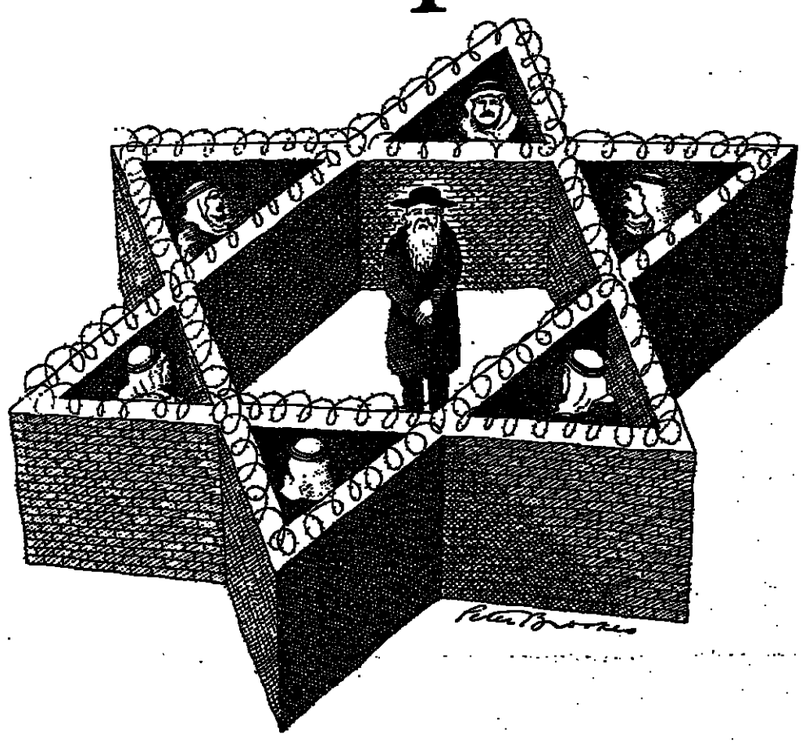
The one really new element in the debate on foreign affairs — under which the peace issue is classified — was contributed two months ago by a non-Israeli who would win no votes even if he could stand in the election. By announcing that he had cut all legal and administrative ties with the occupied territories, King Husain of Jordan turned the Palestinian tiger loose among the doves and hawks of Israeli politics, rustling feathers and necessitating a quick re-think of strategy.

The King's move was undoubtedly a severe setback to Peres, the Labour Party leader, who has made so much effort trying to make credible the "Jordanian option", by which Israel would hand over its troublesome Palestinian population to the Hashemites.

The one really new element in the debate on domestic issues was contributed this week by the Bankers Trust Company of America. On Sunday it went to court to seek the liquidation of Koor Industries, Israel's largest industrial concern, which employs 27,000 people and contributes 10 per cent to the nation's wealth. Koor has gone hundreds of millions of pounds into debt and the fact that it is owned by the trade-union Histadrut Federation, which is closely linked to Peres's party, finally shatters the national belief that Labour alone has the experience to run the economy.

With the finances of the Moshav and Kibbutz movements in a shambles, the Histadrut health service in chaos and its giant building company bankrupt, Labour finds it difficult to sell the line that all these troubles are the result of seven years of Likud misrule between 1977 and 1984.

It is, however, the peace issue which overshadows the entire debate and where, on the face of it, the public has the choice between two very different policies. Labour is for territorial compromise; Likud is against.



Against the background of the continuing uprising in the occupied territories, the public is more concerned about security than it is about peace. This fact has put Peres on the defensive, forcing him to concentrate a good deal of his campaign on trying to prove that Israel would not be endangered by handing over land in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to Arab control. In this he has the advantage of having Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, on his side. As a former army chief of staff now widely respected here for his firm handling of the Palestinian uprising, Rabin is heeded when he says he would not support territorial compromise if he thought it endangered Israeli security.

Labour's idea of territorial compromise envisages handing over the rule of the heavily populated Arab areas to Jordan, allowing the people there to live in demilitarized islands cut off from Jordan itself by a thin stretch of Israeli-controlled land along the Jordan river which would be bristling with guns pointing defensively eastwards. Inside the Arab "islands" would be Israeli "islands", because existing settlements would not be dismantled but would remain under Israeli sovereignty.

The hardline Ariel Sharon, anxious to exploit any national consensus, has put forward a plan for extending Israeli rule over those areas of the territories which Labour wants to keep, arguing with apparent reasonableness that both sides at least agree on not surrendering them. It would be a start to annexation, however, and as such Likud will have none of it.

Likud fights shy of open annexation because that would pose the impossible question of what to do with the Arab population. If they were given the vote Israel would soon cease to be Jewish. If they were denied the vote Israel would cease to be democratic.

Although the vast majority of Israelis are undoubtedly repelled by Rabbi Meir Kahane's plan to force all Arabs to leave, the difficulties of co-existence, which increase as every plastic bullet is fired, have made the question of "transfer" a political topic. The High Court will decide today if the Rabbi's Kach party can run in the elections — the Knesset elections committee having said it should be disqualified on the grounds that it is racialist. If he is kept out, his supporters will turn to the right wing or religious parties and, being strong activists, their voice will undoubtedly be heard increasingly loudly within them.

For the Labour plan to work at all needs Jordanian co-operation. Putting a brave face on the fact that Husain has handed over control of the territories to the Palestinians themselves, Labour says he does not really mean it and that if it wins the election he will be ready to come back. There can be no settlement without Jordan, Labour argues, because so many Palestinians already live in Jordan that it would be impossible to solve the problem by splitting them into two separate countries. If the King does not resume talking, Labour says it will still pull the troops out of Arab cities and allow locally elected mayors to take over.

As far as the Palestinians are concerned, Labour's ideas and Likud's plans are only academically different. Both parties refuse to consider the establishment of a Palestinian state. Both refuse to hand over east Jerusalem to Arab control. Both refuse to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization, which, despite efforts by Islamic fundamentalists, remains the only real representative of the vast majority of the people living under occupation.

The fact that Labour is as intransigent as Likud suggests will lose it many of the Israeli Arab votes on which it has been able to rely in the past, particularly as Rabin's iron fist has been smashing brother Arabs in the territories. The uprising has sharpened the sense of Palestinian identity and many are likely to support a new list formed by Abdel Darousha, a former Labour Knesset member.

Between them Israeli Arabs could elect 16 Knesset members, which would easily be enough to hold the balance of power. They still lack unity, however, and the likely outcome is a splintered vote which will have little if any influence.

On the present showing, Likud and its allies are likely to win a marginal victory. Likud leaders suggest that to stay in power they would be prepared to invite dissident Labour ministers such as Rabin into a new unity government. This result would mean no real change in policy.

Even if Labour wins narrowly it will be difficult for it to make the kind of concessions it is talking about in the face of inevitable militant opposition against any handover of territory. Any chance of a clear Labour victory seems to have been dashed by Husain's decision to pull out of the occupied territories; indeed, he might have been motivated by a wish to destroy the Labour platform.

If Peres, who is widely respected throughout the world, were elected and started to offer compromises, the Arabs would be under pressure to accept something they do not want. If Shamir is elected and stands firm and intransigent, world pressure will remain on Israel.

In his elder statesman role, Shamir can somehow plausibly lead a government which finds the money to send Israeli satellites into space but which cannot find the money to build polio-free sewers. Peres, having twice failed already to win an election, cannot hope to survive long as Labour's leader if he fails again, and the party may feel it must rethink its strategy for peace.

If Labour loses, the chance of territorial compromise will be gone for at least four years. The world will discover if Shamir is right in saying that the Palestinians will then give up their struggle and settle down resignedly and peacefully under permanent Israeli rule.

Commentary • TIM CONGDON

Pinochet the pioneer

With the recent plebiscite signalling the beginning of the end of military rule in Chile, the time has come to put into perspective the free-market economic policies which Chile has pursued over the past 15 years. These policies have attracted controversy out of all proportion to Chile's size and its role in the international economy, and will probably be debated for decades to come.

Shortly after the overthrow of President Allende's socialist government in 1973, General Pinochet set economic policy on an entirely new course. Acting on the advice of a small group of academic economists (known derisively as the "Chicago boys"), he agreed to wide-ranging reforms which stimulated competition, extended private ownership and used monetary and fiscal policies to combat inflation. These changes were in abrupt contrast to Chile's past, when government subsidies, high tariffs, tight import restrictions, nationalization and price controls had been the norm. There was a special emphasis on reducing inflation, which was about 1,000 per cent when the coup was staged.

A list of the new policies does not sound particularly interesting today. In the intellectual environment of the late 1980s — when British trade union leaders complain about "cordless telephone socialism" and China is setting up stock exchanges — policies such as privatization and monetary control have become humdrum. Many countries — developed and developing, socialist and capitalist — are taking steps to strengthen the role of market forces in their economies. The original Chilean programme does not sound radical or even particularly unusual.

But the climate of opinion was very different in the mid-1970s. At that time increased government involvement in the economy had been an established pattern in most countries for over a century. Particularly in intellectual trend-setters like Britain, there had been persistent tendencies towards greater state ownership and a rising share of government spending of national income. The policies adopted in Chile were controversial not just for their uniqueness, but also because they reversed a seemingly inevitable international trend.

The Third World development lobbies in the major industrial nations, which were mostly socialist in sympathy and had praised Allende as the "first democratically elected communist president", were shocked. They took every opportunity to malign Chile's new economic policies and to blacken the country's international image. This was easy to do. As Pinochet's authoritarian regime was brutal in suppressing its opponents, the economic policies could be stigmatized by associating them with unsavoury aspects of the anti-terrorist drive. Moreover, the initial phase of anti-inflation policy was accompanied by a severe recession.

But two events in 1980 began to change international perceptions. The first was the publication by the World Bank of a detailed and well-argued report, entitled *Chile: an Economy in Transition*, which heaped praise on the new approach to economic policy. Although only for "a restricted distribution" and "not to be disclosed without World Bank authorization", its contents leaked out. Secondly, in a national plebiscite majority support was given for a constitution which envisaged at least another eight years of military rule. (Those who think this plebiscite was rigged ought to ask themselves why they have so readily accepted the results of a similar exercise last week.)

The truth was that Chile's free-market experiment had been a success. Of course, the success was not unqualified. A further traumatic recession in 1982 led to cyclically higher unemployment, while many observers worried that the policies had resulted in greater structural inequality. But in the mid-1980s a clear divergence in economic performance emerged between Chile and the rest of Latin America.

Chile had low inflation, stable growth and a fair degree of international credit-worthiness. Other countries had sky-high inflation often in excess of 100 per cent a year, volatile growth associated with erratic policy upheavals (such as the Austral Plan in Argentina and the Cruzado Plan in Brazil) and constant bickering with the international banks. In 1988 inflation in Chile will be about 10 per cent, whereas in Argentina and Brazil it will exceed 500 per cent.

The World Bank now gives almost standard advice to developing countries, from China and Turkey to Malawi: scrap price controls and subsidies, privatize state-owned assets, eliminate import quotas and cut import tariffs . . . It would not have the same credibility if the first comprehensive programme along free-market lines, in Chile in the late 1970s, had been a failure.

Many people will say the Pinochet government has been so ghastly that nothing good can have come out of it. That view is understandable, but it overlooks the inability of Latin American countries, for at least 150 years, to combine full democracy and sound economic management. The challenge for Chile's new leaders will be to reconcile a competitive, party-based political system with a competitive, free-market economy.

It is interesting as a comment on how the reforms are regarded in Chile, and encouraging for their survival in a different political culture, that the Christian Democrats have said they do not want to disturb the existing economic arrangements.

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Controversy is no stranger to the Lord Mayor's Show. In 1886, for example, the police banned an attempt by London's unemployed to join the tail of the procession.

A GROTESQUE CEREMONY

"A Citizen" has made a modest appeal on behalf of good taste and common sense against the present manner and form of the Procession on Lord Mayor's Day. It so happens that while all other rites, ceremonies, and pageantries whatever, unless we except a few churches, have undergone simplification, the annual Procession on November 9 becomes, year by year, longer, noisier, more absurd, and more grotesque. All the other municipal bodies in the kingdom have discarded these usages, sold off their paraphernalia, and confined their annual ceremonies to the plain requirements of the case. GODIVA is not a municipal institution. Few Processions aiming at the imposing and picturesque are now seen, unless it be a travelling circus, a menagerie, or a unionist demonstration. In these cases special objects are to be obtained, and a prestige created. But it is not easy to say what prestige the city of London is likely to acquire by a Procession half a mile long, containing hundreds of banners, eight or nine bands of music performing different tunes, knights in brass armour, fantastic costumes, a squadron of Life Guards, in a medley of horse, foot, and carriages. Till a few years ago the Lord Mayor "took the water" at Blackfriars-bridge, and performed the voyage to Westminster in a magnificent barge, which, we believe, now makes an admirable smoking-room for one of the Oxford boating clubs. In those days, Fleet-street, the Strand, and Parliament-street were spared the annual infliction, traffic was not stopped, and nobody west of Temple-bar was compelled to see a Lord Mayor of London in "his pride." It might have been supposed that the abandonment of the aquatic part of the progress would have furnished a timely hint to the managers of the rest, and that upon the Procession venturing on an unknown region it would have observed a cautious modesty. Any pageantry, however extravagant, might feel itself at home in the mediaeval associations of Cheapside and St. Paul's. On the contrary, no sooner had the "Show" burst the barrier than it rushed down the Strand with redoubled volume, roar, and absurdity. The Lord Mayor is the man to be pitied. For nearly three miles he is carted at a funeral pace amid the idlest or lowest sightseers of this metropolis, in the oldest and most lumbering vehicle extant and in actual use. A few years ago its predecessor, of unknown antiquity, was sold by the City, and ultimately presented by an enterprising merchant to an African King, who sits in it on all State ceremonies and receptions.

The ceremony in its present form belongs to the past. The Lord Mayor's coach would be in its place if GOG and MAGOG were carried before it, as they used to be; if the street gutters were made to run with claret and beer, and an angel, a heathen god, or a cardinal virtue made a speech and an offering every hundred yards.

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THE HUMAN CITY

Among the political issues before the Brighton conference the "inner cities" are no longer the height of fashion. The rural "lager louts" have seen to that.

But to the compilers of the Tory agenda, Mrs Thatcher's now famous victory pledge to the depressed centres of urban Britain has not been forgotten. Today the Stockton South Conservative Association is permitted to congratulate HMG on "its energetic approach to the problems of the inner cities" and Mr Tony Newton, the minister in charge, will reply. It may not exactly be a debate (in the generally accepted meaning of that much abused word) but it should be an opportunity to clarify thought.

The Prime Minister's admonition in June 1987 resulted in a rash of different enthusiasms, most with different organizations to match. Ministers began a campaign of conscience-raising, mostly at much-publicized breakfast times.

There was immediate tension between those who revelled in the variety, with its recognition that individual business choices, not acts of Government, created jobs, and those who wanted greater ministerial planning from the centre. There were accusations that it was all hot air, that some of the cities were doomed anyway, that businessmen in the big northern cities were either too demoralized or too selfish to help their communities, that the whole idea of the "inner city" was an invention.

Some of those battles are still going on. But, of one thing there can be little doubt, however inadequate the statistical base: the principal urban areas of the British mainland are in a significantly healthier condition this autumn than they were last.

That has been caused by the wash outwards from the South-east of domestic property price inflation, by the "knock on" effect of rising prosperity in the nation at large. There has been an accelerating process of regeneration, led by the price of property. Jobs have followed. It can be a source of unstinted celebration today that, at last, indices for unemployment are falling even in the urban blackspots of Merseyside. But ascribing this success to the workings of "inner city policy" is incautious. Public relations is important to reviving economic confidence. But Mr Newton would be stretching the credulity of his conference too far if he ascribed to the launch of *Action for Cities* on March 7 this year the greater sense of buoyancy and hope that is now palpable in such cities as Sheffield and Newcastle.

The "inner city" breakfasts do seem to have had an effect on regional business opinion, maybe even imparted a certain fashionableness to the idea of development in the inner areas. The mixed motives of private sector businessmen, big and small, in associating themselves with Business in the Community or the Confederation of British Industry's various schemes are not something to be worried over: inevitably a good businessman will seek a commercial advantage from involvement in good causes.

But there is a danger in expecting too much. The businessmen of Newcastle and Birmingham are not the nineteenth-century philanthropic giants that some would have them be. They are not as free as their predecessors. They are mostly managers with shareholders and city analysts on their backs. Even more importantly they are not as rich as their predecessors for whom financial supremacy in the black country was supremacy throughout the whole world.

The Government can take pride in the abundance of schemes and the seeming confusion of it all as long as jobs are being created on the ground and new building going up. But the Government must also be prepared to supply leadership which today only government can supply.

There has been an excessive concentration on bricks and mortar. Eventually the new offices have to be staffed, the new factory starter units to take on workforces. Will they recruit in the inner areas, on the council estates? Will they take on Moss Side or Toxteth blacks, and make a contribution to training them if they are under-qualified? The human dimension still needs to be filled.

BALANCING IN THE BALTIC

The Soviet Republic of Latvia has become the second of the three Baltic states to celebrate the founding of a "Popular Front". Consecrated at the first religious service to be held in Riga's Lutheran Cathedral for 30 years, the popular front brings together moderate nationalist-minded Latvians and members of the Communist Party in an alliance professing to favour greater political and economic autonomy for the republic.

Even a year ago, the establishment of any organization in the Baltic in which communists and nationalists participated together would have been unthinkable. So fervent are national loyalties in the region and so widespread the view that Communist Party members are collaborators with the Russian enemy, that reconciliation of any degree seemed unlikely.

When the Lithuanian "Movement for *Perestroika*" holds its founding congress in two weeks' time, however, all three Baltic states will have an organization which espouses the nationalist cause without demanding secession from the Soviet Union. That is a triumph for Mr Gorbachov in his attempts to defuse real and potential nationalist tension in the Baltic, and should be seen as such. It is also a reflection of the hopes that his policies have aroused among the Baltic peoples.

Mr Gorbachov's triumph has not been won without concessions. The programme of the Latvian Popular Front, like the programme of its Estonian counterpart, includes far greater economic autonomy for the republic, official recognition of the national flag and recognition of the national languages which, their speakers feared, were doomed to extinction.

It may also entail a reduction in Russian immigration into the Baltic states. While Russians like to move to the Baltic for its higher standard of living, Balts resent their arrival. Not only do Russians make demands on housing and services which the native populations believe should go to them, but in Latvia they have long threatened to outnumber the natives.

If, in exchange for these concessions, Mr Gorbachov has bought tranquillity in the Baltic states, he has a bargain. In exchange for a few symbols, however potent, he has enlisted the support of many otherwise recalcitrant Baltic intellectuals, given an impression of greater democracy and freedom in the Western part of the USSR and generated good will towards Moscow. He has also kept the Communist Party – albeit with new leaders in each republic – firmly in charge.

If, in addition, the Baltic states use the promise of virtual economic autonomy to become more efficient and more prosperous, their enrichment may minimize future nationalist unrest and offer an example – and perhaps a subsidy – to less successful parts of the Soviet Union. What Mr Gorbachov may have effected in the Baltic states, at least in the short term, is the possibility of three Communist-dominated governments of "national reconciliation". This is a policy he has favoured for trouble spots like Afghanistan, but failed to realize.

The new strategy for the Baltic republics holds risks, however. Many people outside the popular fronts will doubt their efficacy, including a considerable number for whom nothing less than genuine independence from Moscow will do. Harking back to the "golden age" between the wars when the Baltic states briefly enjoyed independence, they will bide their time until the popular fronts either collapse through failure to bring the promised benefits or are crushed by a fearful Moscow.

Flags, anthems, church services and teaching in national languages may help to satisfy a long-standing hunger in the Baltic states, but they may also whet the appetite for more. How great a danger that becomes, depends on how genuine is the autonomy Mr Gorbachov now has to offer.

OIL TROUBLE

The ceasefire between Iran and Iraq has converted the cynical Gulf shipping war into an accidental oil war. Some prices are now at little more than half their official Opec level – a result that is infinitely preferable for sailors and consumers.

It was predictable that the two war-devastated powers would want to open their taps as far as possible to pay for reconstruction. Oil traders and other members of the Opec cartel initially thought differently, however. They assumed that a cessation of hostilities between two of the most important producers would herald new Opec unity.

They hoped that Iraq would rejoin the fold to re-establish its Arab credentials – with the incentive of generous reconstruction aid from Saudi Arabia and other rich Gulf states; while for Iran, the prospect of improved relations with Gulf states, cemented by financial aid, would be attractive because wartime damage would make it hard to raise output fast.

This view fitted the Saudi desire to resurrect its peacetime political influence. It proved a sorry misreading of post-war ambitions – one which has probably exacerbated the ensuing chaos in the oil market. The Saudis now fear they could lose influence in Opec. They have, therefore, adopted the high-risk strategy of raising their own output to push down prices and knock other members heads together.

Two years ago, when the Saudis last tried this tactic, it had mixed results. It made Saudi Arabia so unpopular that Sheikh Yamani, its long-serving oil minister, had to go. But cartel discipline was partly restored and oil prices recovered sharply.

The first target of this autumn offensive is next week's scheduled meeting of Opec's inner council, which includes both Iran and Iraq. The signs are that Iraq will demand so many concessions, over anything from its future quota to the peace negotiations, that little will immediately be achieved. The real target for agreement will be next month's full meeting of Opec.

Opec has been to the brink and back several times before. This time it will surely be harder. For a long time, the Gulf war disguised a glut of oil at prices attractive, for instance, to potential North Sea investors. That glut was the inevitable backlash to Opec's last successful attempt to rig the market in 1979. It took time for non-Opec members to raise output and for industry and consumers to reduce their long-term demand.

Much as industrial consumers appreciate the delights of a glut, it is damaging for the oil industry and for oil-producing developing countries. It would also endanger the stability of the world economy for the price of so basic a commodity to fall far below the level necessary to secure adequate long-term supplies without total reliance on the Gulf.

Having created an oil cycle, however, it will now be much harder for Opec to stop it. Its members no longer fully control the market. Saudi Arabia has become fed up with acting as the swing producer in Opec, relied on by other members to absorb their own excesses.

Opec as a whole is now little more than the world's collective swing producer, able to influence the price by collective self-denial but not to reap the full benefits. There is little chance of an official price of $18 per barrel sticking. In this harsher climate, Middle East politics may loom larger than economic interest – with unpredictable results.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taking chances with our planet

From the President of the Royal Meteorological Society

Sir, With the ever-increasing concentration of "greenhouse" gases in the atmosphere caused by man's activities it may be, as the Prime Minister has said (report, September 28), that we have unwittingly begun a massive experiment with the system of this planet itself. Mathematical models indicate worrying possibilities for climate change within our children's lifetime.

Such changes would be difficult to reverse. But the predictions are only as good as our, as yet, incomplete understanding of the climate system.

There would seem to be a *prima-facie* case that man's activities are capable of causing global warming and other changes. However, we need to quantify these predictions and the limits of uncertainty so that governments can take appropriate steps. We shall not be able to do so until we understand better the physical and biological feedbacks that act naturally to intensify or counteract man's effects.

Technology, in the form, for example, of faster computers and new satellite instrumentation, provides us with the potential to meet this challenge. Britain can play and is playing a part in this work.

We have a long tradition of excellence in atmospheric science and we still retain a core of expertise and facilities which can keep us in the first division in the quest to understand the climate. But we do require resources to bolster areas of long-term fundamental research and to encourage more good young scientists to enter our field.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH BROWNING, President,
Royal Meteorological Society,
James Glaisher House,
Grenville Place,
Bracknell,
Berkshire.
October 6.

Facts and faction

From Mr J. I. Chisholm

Sir, Mr J. W. Saunders (October 3) expresses concern at the invention, and more particularly falsification, of known facts by modern authors in their dramatic presentation of past events. He contrasts this to historical novelists like Sir Walter Scott who, as a historian, "took pains to get the facts right in his novels".

Sir Walter Scott was certainly a good historian, but he consciously often took considerable liberties with facts and chronology in his novels. In response to a critic of his handling of historical material about the crusades, he wrote:

> My violation of the truth of history gave offence to Mr Mills, the author of the *History of Chivalry and the Crusades*, who was not, it may be presumed, aware that romantic fiction naturally includes the power of such invention, which is indeed one of the requisites of the art (introduction to *The Talisman*, 1832).

Other great authors, including Shakespeare (most notably in his portrayal of 15th-century England, and most particularly in the portrayal of Richard III) have taken similar liberties. All dramatic reconstructions of past events are still drama – a point which those opposed to "factions" would be better served making rather than complaining about historical inaccuracies.

Yours faithfully,
J. I. CHISHOLM,
22 Norman Avenue,
Twickenham,
Middlesex.
October 5.

Striking a balance on teachers' pay

From Mr Don Hurley

Sir, Anthony Callaghan (October 3) writing as a member of Bedfordshire Education Committee, draws attention to the report of Mr Kenneth Baker's interim advisory committee on teachers' pay. One of the recommendations of this committee was that supply teachers should be paid at a daily rate based on 1/195 of a regular teacher's annual salary.

Despite this, Dorset County Council, along with several other county councils, pay their supply teachers at an hourly rate which reduces their pay by 15 per cent in actual money earned, let alone any effect of inflation.

In addition, honours graduates are not rewarded for their extra qualifications, which adds a further pay cut of 8 per cent in their particular case.

The interim advisory committee also pointed out the dangers of this policy, maintaining that some of the more experienced and better-qualified supply teachers would leave the profession altogether. In Dorset this has already happened. There has been a critical shortage of supply teachers in many schools.

A survey carried out by the Dorset Supply Teachers' Association showed that the average loss of pay of each supply teacher in 1987-88 was £980. One honours graduate faced a loss of £1,500.

Why did Mr Baker not accept the advice of his interim advisory committee?

Yours faithfully,
DON HURLEY (Secretary,
Dorset Supply Teachers' Association),
5 Cerne Close,
Bournemouth, Hampshire.
October 3.

From Mr J. H. Stanton

Sir, I have taken early retirement from my post as vice-principal in a major college of technology, and being a graduate qualified in mathematics and engineering I offered my services on a part-time basis to teach in schools. As I could teach the shortage subject of mathematics at all levels I was overwhelmed with the response.

However, local authorities have decided that, regardless of qualification or experience, all part-time staff shall be paid on the ninth point of the 11-point basic scale. My 34 years in teaching apparently rates no more increments than a teacher of nine years' standing!

If the Government and local authorities are serious when they say they wish to attract scientists and engineers from industry into teaching one would at least expect that parsimonious anomalies like this would be removed.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. STANTON,
4 Knighton Lane,
Buckhurst Hill, Essex.
October 2.

From Mr D. A. R. Willcocks

Sir, As a professional electronics engineer, I am acutely aware of the need for more technologically capable people in industry as a whole. However, I am also aware that today's technology is quickly outdated, along with much of the training associated with it.

A growing emphasis is placed on the learning of facts alone – at the risk of turning our schoolchildren into narrow technologists who lack the innovation which is essential to the future of British industry. I share the view on educational trends that Charles Dickens expressed in his satirical novel *Hard Times:*

> You are to be in all things regulated and governed, said the gentleman [a Government officer], by fact. We hope to have, before long, a board of fact, composed of commissioners of fact, who will force the people to be a people of fact, and of nothing but fact.

Yours faithfully,
D. A. R. WILLCOCKS,
55 Slater Road,
Bentley Heath,
Solihull, West Midlands.

From Mrs John E. H. Olivier

Sir, I was interviewing a young applicant for a post in the computer studies department. All was going well until he asked me what the salary was. With sinking heart I told him.

To my surprise, he seemed pleased. "That's not bad for a week", he said.

Sadly I had to say "That's not for a week – it's for a month."

Exit candidate.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN S. R. OLIVIER,
Headmistress,
Lady Margaret School,
Parson's Green SW6.
October 3.

Future of Labour

From Mr Richard S. Rowntree

Sir, As the father of two members of the Royal College of Nursing I noted with sadness Martin Fletcher's report in today's *Times* Diary (October 4) that the RCN was the only applicant for stands at the Labour conference to be banned by the National Executive Committee. Yet this absurdity may serve to drive home the now widely accepted view that the Labour Party can now only hope to become an electable alternative government by severing its constitutional links with the trade unions.

The collapse of the Alliance and the new realism of much of the Labour Party means that the only foreseeable hope of a viable alternative to indefinite Conservative rule lies in the Labour Party reshaping itself in such a way that it can become the fulcrum for all progressives.

With the increasing recognition by trade unionists that the constitutional link with a political party limits rather than enhances positive trade union influence, the only factors preventing such a development are the innate conservatism and historical sentimentality of the Labour movement.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD S. ROWNTREE,
Kingthorpe House,
Pickering, North Yorkshire.

Working with Owen

From Mrs E. Hanbury Tenison

Sir, Sir Leslie Murphy's letter today (September 30) from the eminence of his position in the original SDP encourages me to cap it from the worm's eye view.

From 1981-1983 I spent the greater part of my working weekday hours as a totally anonymous pen-pusher at Cowley Street. I never met the "Gang of Four" except to stand aside deferentially when I passed them on the stairs.

However, I must confirm that the staff *all* preferred David Owen for leader because they knew him to be capable of getting things done. As an employer his advantages are:

1. he knows how to delegate;
2. that when he says he will do something he does it properly and on time;
3. when you ask him a straight question you get a straight answer.

This is in no way intended to knock Roy Jenkins who is an elder statesman of some, very much deserved, distinction, but simply to support the contention that he can overstate the difficulties of working with Dr Owen.

Yours etc.,
E. HANBURY TENISON,
Clytha Park,
Abergavenny, Gwent.

All the nines at point of sale

From Mr John Weston

Sir, One must agree with Dr Harold Hewitt (September 29) about the proliferation of the terminal figure nine in current prices. However, it seems harsh to blame the practice on the Victorian drapers.

My parents, who kept a small drapery shop until they retired in the 1950s, certainly used ¾d in their pricing right up until the beginning of the Second World War. But this was invariably on the lower-priced materials.

In the 1930s, when I was in my teens, I can remember struggling to calculate, with the customer in a hurry to catch a bus, the total cost of 7¾ yards of ribbon at 2¾d per yard. When I complained to my father about what seemed to me the absurdity of the price, he pointed out that in many cases ¾d was in fact the profit!

More expensive items often ended in 11d, but that again often represented the profit margin.

Incidentally, Dr Hewitt must have quoted an expensive material as I can remember measuring out and calculating with some difficulty 6¾ yards of 36in-wide cotton dress material at "a shilling, three" (1s. 0¾d.) per yard. But we have a photograph of the shop taken in 1912 when prices were so low that my father had on display lace curtaining at 3¾d per yard!

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WESTON,
The Old Vicarage,
Brentor, Tavistock, Devon.

From Mr James Hewgill

Sir, I believe that Dr Hewitt has overlooked certain psychological aspects of merchandising and setting "price points", based on human perception. Since we read from left to right, the first number the buyer sees appears to affect overall perception of the price. Subsequent numbers are seen as "smaller", no matter how big they might be in proportion. For example, £9.05 and £9.99 are felt to be of the same order of magnitude.

Discussions which I once held with Marks and Spencer, as one of their suppliers of ladies' fashions, suggested that a rise in price from £9.99 to £10 had the same effect on reducing sales as a rise to £10.99 and that the percentage sales loss resulting from an increase of one "price point" can be accurately measured.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES HEWGILL,
Chinley End Farm, Lower Lane,
Chinley, Derbyshire.

From Mr Alan P. Hughes

Sir, How I applaud Dr Hewitt's letter; it is, as he says, a stupid obsession, at which I get crosser and crosser, especially when, as an accountant, I come to write up my cashbook. The column is littered with nines, making the adding up of the figures an unnecessarily irritating chore.

Faithfully,
ALAN P. HUGHES,
136 Northey Avenue,
Cheam, Surrey.

From Mrs Diana Cosbie

Sir, Dr Hewitt has got hold of the wrong end of the stick. Goods are priced at odd amounts so that the customer has to be given change and the money passed through the till and not into a shop assistant's pocket, the departing goods being put down to "wastage"!

Yours faithfully,
DIANA COSBIE,
8 Crown Street,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Bailiffs on call

From Mr Harold Weston

Sir, I was not surprised to read of Ms Minty's difficulty (September 28) in obtaining possession of her property.

County court delays are notorious among legal practitioners. It is equally difficult to obtain effective execution of a monetary judgement against the goods of a debtor and for years I have had a distinct impression that when levying execution against a debtor's goods, some county court bailiffs could try a little harder.

The problem is that in the county court a judgement creditor has to use the court bailiff, irrespective of how busy or ineffective a particular bailiff is.

The solution is very simple. As in the High Court, the public should be free to call in the services of any certified bailiff. In short, all that is needed is to privatise the bailiff's office at the county court.

There is no problem as to setting up such an organisation as there are numerous firms of certified bailiffs who could work as in the High Court or in competition with the county court bailiffs.

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD WESTON,
Westons (Solicitors),
Dickenson's Place,
Woodside Green, SE25.

Rule of law

From Mr Christopher Derrick

Sir, We must all share Bernard Levin's regard (October 4) for

> the rule of law: that is, a judiciary independent of the executive and able, without restriction, to uphold and enforce the law, if necessary in defiance of the rulers.

But that, although necessary, cannot go to the heart of the problem, so long as "the law" itself is formulated, and subject to unlimited modification, by those same rulers. I don't consider it likely that in the near future, any British Government will pass (say) a Jewish and Negro Citizens (Extermination) Act, or even an Overseas Travel (Prohibition) Act.

But such things have been known to happen; and if they happened again, with all due parliamentary process, where would they leave Mr Levin's independent judiciary? Upholding and enforcing "the law"?

In less spectacular versions, this is a real and immediate problem. It is a long time since our judges attempted to do justice as between the citizen and the State, "in defiance of the rulers". The established practice is that they should simply enforce the will of the State ("the law"), though they doubtlessly do that as decently and considerately as circumstances permit.

"The divine right of the State" is a concept which gets insufficient attention, and the distance between Westminster and Moscow is less than Mr Levin supposes.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER DERRICK,
6 St Michael's Road,
Wallington, Surrey.

From Sir Edwin Leather

Sir, Bernard Levin does great public service by declaring he is convinced that the essence of a free society is the rule of law. It is seldom mentioned these days.

Vincent Massey, the wisest and most scholarly Governor-General of Canada, told the students of Toronto University many years ago:

> The foundation of our democracy is justice and the rule of law; the liberties of the people thrive in such soil, and will thrive in no other.

Yours,
EDWIN LEATHER,
Wilbraham Hotel,
Wilbraham Place,
Sloane Street, SW1.
October 4.

Family matters

From Mr Leslie Jerman

Sir, For some years I have been visiting the General Register Office at St Catherine's House, Kingsway, London (and previously at Somerset House, Strand) to undertake research into my family.

The conditions there have become increasingly uncomfortable almost throughout the entire day. The facilities have indeed become inadequate since the study of family history is now, I understand, the biggest growth "hobby" in Britain.

I was astonished recently to arrive at St Catherine's House at the same time as a busload of people from the Midlands, who had come to do similar research.

I believe this part of the General Register Office must be profitable, with a steady queue of people spending money on birth, marriage and death certificate copies.

Is it not high time that the Government duplicated or triplicated the facilities for searches at centres outside London?

The Mormon International Genealogical Index is available in numerous large public libraries. Cannot something now be done about making the General Register Office volumes available in duplicate in a similar manner?

And I am, yours faithfully,
LESLIE JERMAN,
Rushbrooke, Coppice Row,
Theydon Bois,
Epping,
Essex.
October 1.

Low-cost surgery

From Mr Robin L. Allum and Sister Heather Voisey

Sir, We hear a lot about the inefficiencies in the health service and how use can be made of the private sector for the sub-contracting of health-service work. Recently in this hospital an extra operating session was carried out on a weekend to reduce the waiting list for knee operations such as torn cartilages.

Modern technology means this can now be done on a day-case basis. This extra session was entirely due to the enthusiasm of the day surgery and operating-theatre team.

What is more important, because this exercise was wholly carried out within the health service the costing was only £114.37p per operation. This is a great deal cheaper than it would have been in the private sector.

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN ALLUM
(Consultant orthopaedic surgeon),
HEATHER VOISEY
(Sister, day surgery unit),
Wexham Park Hospital,
Slough, Berkshire.

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Beans talk?

From Mr Frank Sutton

Sir, Praising salad as a meal, Mr Damon Hart-Davis writes (October 7) that it is, *inter alia*, "environmentally aware".

I have read of gardeners talking to plants. Is this the first report of plants communicating with human beings?

Yours faithfully,
FRANK SUTTON,
Knypersley,
126 Barnett Wood Lane,
Ashtead, Surrey.
October 7.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
October 10: By command of The Queen, the Earl of Arran (Lord in Waiting) called upon the Governor-General of Solomon Islands and Lady Lepping today at the Royal Horseguards Hotel and, on behalf of Her Majesty, welcomed Their Excellencies on their arrival in this country.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 10: The Prince Edward this evening attended the Land Air Charity Ball at the Grosvenor House Hotel in aid of Centrepoint Soho and Childhope.

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning opened the new Headquarters of the Shubette Group of Companies at Shubette House, 5 Olympic Way, Wembley.

Her Royal Highness subsequently visited Frank Usher Plc, 100 The Broadway, London NW9.

The Princess Royal, Honorary President, the Chartered Institute of Transport, later named a Class 90 Intercity Electric Locomotive "The Chartered Institute of Transport" at Euston Station, London, NW1.

Afterwards Her Royal Highness attended and presented the Awards at the 1988 Business Traveller Awards Luncheon at the Mayfair Hotel, Stratton Street, London W1.

The Princess Royal, Honorary President, the Chartered Institute of Transport, this evening attended the Institute's Presidential Address given by Mr Alastair Pugh (President 1988/89) at the Royal Overseas League, Overseas House, Park Place, London, SW1.

Her Royal Highness afterwards attended a dinner given by the Institute at the Oxford and Cambridge University Club, 71 Pall Mall, London, SW1.

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 10: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Gala Performance given by Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet at the Birmingham Hippodrome in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival at Birmingham International Airport by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands (The Earl of Aylesford).

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Jane Stevens.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 10: The Duchess of Gloucester was present at a luncheon in aid of Macintyre (A Purposeful Life for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults) at Mansion House, London EC4. In the evening Her Royal Highness, as Patron of The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support), presented prizes to the winners of "Create a Christmas Card Competition" at Christie's, King Street, London, SW1.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron of Wildscreen '88, will present the 1988 awards at the Colston Hall, Bristol, at 7.15.

The Princess of Wales, as patron of the National Rubella Council, will visit the Peartree Clinic, Hydean Way, Stevenage, to mark the beginning of the new Mumps, Measles and Rubella Immunization campaign, at 10.30; and, as patron of the English Women's Indoor Bowling Association, will open the new Indoor Bowling Green Stadium, Luton Indoor Bowls Club, at 11.40.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund will open the Save the Children Fund Shop, 2 Regent Street, Cheltenham, at 10.25; and open BBC Radio Gloucestershire, London Road, Gloucester, at 11.10. She will visit Lister-Petter, Dursley, at 12.20, to accept on behalf of the Save the Children Fund, the one millionth pump made by the firm. Later, she will open Fromeside Clinic, Glenside Hospital, Blackberry Hill, Stapleton, Bristol, at 2.00. In the evening, as Patron of the Association of Combined Youth Clubs, will attend a greyhound meeting and dinner at Wimbledon Stadium, SW19, at 7.00.

Princess Margaret will open the extension to the Cancer Research Institute at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent, as patron of the Institute of Export, will attend the companions' dinner at the Institute of Directors at 7.10.

Lord Broadbridge

Lord Broadbridge entertained the Association of Authorised Public Accountants and Leading Members of the U K Accountancy Profession at a reception and luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday.

Birthdays today

Sir Godfrey Agnew, former Clerk of the Privy Council, 75; Mr D.K. Baxandall, former director, National Galleries of Scotland, 83; Miss Maria Bueno, tennis player, 49; the Hon Sir Adam Butler, former MP, 57; Mr Bobby Charlton, footballer, 51; Sir Michael Edwardes, former chairman, British Leyland, 58; Miss Dawn French, actress and comedienne, 31; Sir Donald Gibson, architect, 80; Mr Geoffrey Haslam, former chairman, Prudential Corporation, 74; Mr D.H. Henderson, chairman, ICI, 56; Mr Charles Jones, former director of studies, Britannia Royal Naval College, 54; Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McIntosh, 69; Mr Phil Newport, cricketer, 26; Mr Alan Pascoe, athlete, 41; Major-General F.J.C. Piggott, 78; Lord Prior, 61; Dame Diana Reader Harris, former headmistress, Sherborne School for Girls, 76; Mr Thomas Wheare, headmaster, Bryanston School, 44.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Arthur Phillip, founder of the penal colony at Sydney, first governor of New South Wales, London, 1738; Heinrich Olbers, astronomer, Arbergen, Germany, 1758; Henry John Heinz, food manufacturer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1844; Sir Bernard Partridge, Punch artist and cartoonist, London, 1861; Lewis Fry Richardson, mathematician, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1881.

DEATHS: Sir Thomas Wyatt, poet, Sherborne, Dorset, 1542; Meriwether Lewis, explorer in NW America, Nashville, Tennessee, 1809; James Joule, physicist, Sale, Cheshire, 1889; Anton Bruckner, Vienna, 1896; Jean Fabre, entomologist, Serignan-du-Comtat, 1915; Jean Cocteau, poet, painter, actor and film director, Milly-la-Forêt, 1963.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.R. Elliott and the Hon Sophia Sackville-West
The engagement is announced between Guy, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Elliott, of Little Ashley Farm, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, and Sophia, daughter of Lord Sackville and the late Lady Sackville, of Knole, Sevenoaks.

Mr H. Cator and Miss L.F. Bishop
The engagement is announced between Harry, youngest son of Mr Francis and the Hon Mrs Cator, of The Old House, Ranworth, Norwich, and Louise Frances, daughter of Dr Ian Bishop, of Whiteway Farm, Church Knowle, Dorset, and Mrs David Livingstone, of 4 Miller's Court, Chiswick Mall, W4.

Mr M.A. Fielding and Miss L.C. Venner
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs S.R. Fielding, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and Claire, only daughter of Colonel and Mrs J.B. Venner, of Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr F.A.N. Welham and Miss K.E. Holmes
The engagement is announced between Fraser, second son of Mr Richard Welham, Reading, and Mrs Sheila de Cort, Weybridge, Surrey, and Katie, only daughter of Professor and Mrs Patrick Holmes, Steeple Morden, Cambridgeshire.

Mr R.H. Wells and Miss A.D. Measures
The engagement is announced between Richard Harry, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Wells, of Bransbury, Barton Stacey, Hampshire, and Angela Delia, eldest daughter of the late Mr John Measures and of Mrs Measures, of Hundleby, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

Mr I.R.H. Jackson and Miss J.M. Bethell
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Hart Jackson, of Ulverston, Cumbria, and Julia, daughter of Dr and Mrs J.R. Bethell, of Ewell, Surrey.

Mr E.H. Van Dyke and Miss A.R. Lingford-Hughes
The engagement is announced between Erik, son of Mr and Mrs W.J. Van Dyke, of Tampa, Florida, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Lingford-Hughes, of Yeaton, Shropshire.

Marriages

Viscount Strathallan and Mrs M. Elliot
The marriage took place quietly in London, on October 6, between Viscount Strathallan and Mrs Marion Elliot.

Mr J.D. Abell and Miss J. Fennell
The marriage took place quietly in Melton Mowbray, on October 1, between Mr David Abell, of Manchester, and Miss Juliana Fennell, daughter of Professor and Mrs J.L.I. Fennell, of Oxford.

Mr T.J.V. Mockett and Miss F.A.F. Hogan
The marriage took place on October 7, 1988, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, of Mr Timothy Mockett and Miss Felicia Hogan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Hogan, of Woldingham. Father John Tracy, SJ, officiated, assisted by the Rev Dr William Oddie.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Consuelo Windsor, Clair Moorhouse, Judith Brown and Alexander Logsdail. Mr Jan Van Der Shalk was best man.

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent in India.

In fine style at the wheel



Gay Hinton, left, and Susan Pearson sporting 1930s outfits in a 1934 Lagonda yesterday. They were taking part in the first Ingres Champagne Rally, in which 50 vintage and classic cars travelled from London to Reims to visit the champagne houses and tour the vineyards. Proceeds from the rally will go to two charities (Photograph: Adrian Brooks).

The Kensington Gift Fair

The Kensington Gift Fair will be held at Searcy's, 30 Pavilion Road, SW1, on Wednesday, October 12, from 10.30am to 3.30pm, in aid of the NSPCC. The entrance is £2.50. Stalls to include antiques, linen, jewellery, handbags, toiletries, children's clothes and stocking fillers.

Wycombe Abbey School

Wycombe Abbey School is offering the following Scholarships in 1989: The Wycombe Abbey Open Scholarship, the William Johnston Yapp Scholarship and the Whitelaw Scholarship (for Music) each valued at two-thirds of the annual fee; the Crosthwaite and the Walpole Scholarship, each valued at one-sixth of the annual fee, and five exhibitions, valued at one-twelfth of the annual fee, awarded to girls who do not quite reach scholarship standard. The closing date for entries is December 5, 1988.

In addition, the school is offering two full-fee Sixth Form Scholarships and one half-fee Sixth Form Scholarship. The closing date for entries is November 5, 1988.

Examinations will be held in January and details and entry forms are available from the School Secretary, Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP11 1PE.

Women of the Year

The Duchess of Kent will attend the Women of the Year luncheon, in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind, at the Savoy Hotel on October 24. The Marchioness of Lothian, founder president, and Miss Virgina Wade, vice-president, will preside and the other speakers will be Baroness Blackstone and Miss Patricia Routledge. The Hon Diana Makgill and Miss Anne Dickinson are the chairmen of the luncheon and Miss Val Arnison is the executive chairman.

Church news

Appointments

The Rt Rev Christopher C Luxmore, aged 62, Bishop of Bermuda, is returning to England to be the next Archdeacon of Lewes and Hastings, in the diocese of Chichester. He succeeds the Ven Max Godden who retires at the end of November. Bishop Luxmore is no stranger to the diocese having been Precentor and Canon Residentiary of Chichester Cathedral from 1981 until his consecration in December 1984.

The Rev David F Baker, Rector, Preston and Sproatley-in-Holderness, diocese York: to be Priest-in-charge, the proposed united benefice of Balderby, Skipton-on-Swale, Dalton and Dishforth, same diocese.
The Rev Stephen Bellamy, Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Southport, diocese Liverpool: to be Personal Chaplain to the Bishop of Liverpool same diocese.
The Rev Patrick Birt, Vicar, Newbridge-on-Wye, Llandrindod Wells, diocese Swansea and Brecon: to be Team Vicar, Cilmaham team, diocese Salisbury.
The Rev V Wyn Beyman, Vicar, Cellitgar, diocese Llandaff: to be Team Vicar, Greater Corsham team ministry, diocese Bristol.
The Rev Preb Hugh Fearn, Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral, and Rector, St Clement, Clement's Lane, King William Street, near Eastcheap, w, St Martin Orgar, diocese London: to be Prebendary Emeritus on retirement.
The Rev Paul F Blanch, Curate, St Philip, Chaddesden, diocese Derby: to be Curate, St Andrew w, St Alne, Bishop Auckland, with special responsibility for St Paul, Hunwick, diocese Durham.
The Rev Geoffrey H Colman, Curate, All Saints, Maidstone, diocese Canterbury: to be Parish Priest, Teynham (Lynsted w Kingsdown and Norton), same diocese.
The Rev Nicholas Davis, Curate, North Lambeth Team Ministry, diocese Southwark: to be Team Vicar, Catford, Southend and Downham team ministry same diocese.
The Rev Gwynneth M Evans, Assistant Chaplain, The Royal Free Hospital, London, diocese London: to be Chaplain (full-time), Salisbury Hospital, diocese Salisbury.
The Rev Michael Goodall, non-stipendiary minister, Allonby, diocese Carlisle: to be Curate, St Andrew w, St Anne, Bishop Auckland, diocese Durham.
The Rev Michael Hall, Lecturer, Halifax parish church, diocese Wakefield: to be Vicar, Southowram, St Anne, same diocese.
The Rev David Hart, Chaplain, St John's College, Oxford, Cambridge, diocese: to be Curate, St Giles, Camberwell, diocese Southwark.
The Rev John M Heckingbottom, Priest-in-charge, Bishop Monkton and Burton Leonard, diocese Ripon: to be Vicar, Collingham w, Harewood, same diocese.
The Rev William J Highton, Assistant Curate, St Mary, Cheadle, diocese Chester: to be Vicar, St John the Evangelist, Walton, same diocese.
The Rev Donald K Innes, Vicar, Alford and Louth, diocese Guildford: to be Vicar, Doddington w Wychling (Newnham), diocese Canterbury.
The Rev Charles Isbister, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Coxbridge, Leeds, diocese Ripon: to be Team Vicar, High Wycombe Team Ministry, diocese Oxford.
The Rev John F Leonard, Vicar, Marton Moss, diocese Blackburn: to be Vicar, Kingskerswell, diocese Exeter.
The Rev Brian E Lee, Assistant Curate, St James, Gatley diocese Chester: to be Vicar, Egremont, (or Liscard), St John, same diocese.
The Rev Gillian Marsh, Deacon, St George, Deal, diocese Canterbury: to be Parish Deacon (NSM), St Leonard, Deal w, Sholden, same diocese.
The Rev John Marshall, Vicar, St Andrew w, St Anne, Bishop Auckland, Chaplain, Bishop Auckland General Hospital and Lady Eden Hospital, diocese Durham: to be also Priest-in-charge, St Paul, Hunwick, same diocese.
The Rev Philip Meaden, Chaplain HM Prison, Aylesbury, diocese Oxford: to be Chaplain, HM Prison, Wandsworth, diocese Southwark.
The Rev Anthony J Mills, Assistant Curate, Howden team ministry, diocese York: to be Vicar, Fyllingdales (Robin Hood's Bay), and Hawsker cum Stainsacre, same diocese.
The Rev Robin Sainsbury, Vicar, St Philip, Kelsall, diocese Chester: to be Vicar, St Paul, Sale, same diocese.
The Rev Brian J Short, Team Vicar in the Norwich Partnership Team Ministry, diocese Norwich: to be Rector, Winfarthing w, Shelfanger w, Burston w, Gissing and Tivetshall, same diocese.
The Rev Preb Gilbert Smith, to be Prebendary Emeritus with effect from 31 December 1988 on his retirement as Priest-in-charge, Blymhill w, Weston under Lizard, diocese Lichfield.
The Rev Albert J Sloggett, Priest-in-charge, Whitestone w, Oldridge, diocese Exeter: to be also Priest-in-charge, Holcombe Burnell, same diocese.
The Rev Edward N P Tufnell, formerly Incumbent, Emmanuel church, Morogoro, diocese Morogoro, Tanzania, to be Priest-in-charge, Little Thurrock, St John, diocese Chelmsford.
The Rev Ronald H White, Curate, Ivybridge, diocese Exeter: to be Vicar, Blackawton w, Stoke Fleming, same diocese.
The Rev David J W Williams, Priest-in-charge, East Molesey, diocese Guildford: to be Vicar, Burpham, same diocese.
The Rev Dr John D Yule, Priest-in-charge, Swavesey and Fen Drayton w Conington, diocese Ely: to be Vicar, same parishes, same diocese.

Gunmakers

The following have been elected officers of the Gunmakers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Major D.H. Back, Upper Warden, Mr R.M. Van Oss; Renter Warden, Mr G.A. Brooks.

Latest wills

Mr Michael Ralph Hunt, of Sherborne, Dorset, late of Hunts Frozen Foods, left estate valued at £3,623,837 net.

Miss Maisie Marion Lee, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, left estate valued at £3,263,306 net.

Sir Alexander Rowland Smith, of Maresfield Park, Uckfield, East Sussex, former chairman of the Ford Motor Co, who had originally sold Fords in India and supplied the Model Ts used by Lawrence of Arabia in his desert campaigns, and who was knighted in 1944 for his part in supplying the Rolls-Royce Merlin engine, which powered Spitfires, Hurricanes and Lancaster bombers in the Second World War, left estate valued at £1,095,827 net.

Appointments

Lord Butterworth, Vice-Chancellor of Warwick University 1963-85, Mr Harry E Fitzgibbons, managing director, Hambros Advanced Technology Trust, and Mr Stephen R C Jones, head of international relations, Department of Education and Science, to be members of the Fulbright Commission.

Dinners

Launderers' Company
Mr John C.H. Baker, Master of the Launderers' Company, assisted by the Wardens, presided at a dinner held last night at Launderers' Hall. Mr Ivan Lawrence, QC, MP, the Right Rev Vernon Nicholls and Mr Colin Fricker also spoke.

Athenaeum
Dr Frank Greenaway was the speaker at a dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Professor B. Morris presided.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
COMMANDERS: P D Barton – DHPS Taunton (in AHR of Captain) 16.12.88; J G Connolly – Staff of CINCNAVHOME 21.4.89; M P Fitzgerald – MOD London 3.5.89; R J Lord – Southdown 28.4.89; P S Marley – RN School of Education and Training Technology 20.1.89; W R Rennison – Staff of CINCNAVHOME 5.2.89; A C South – MOD London 23.3.89; C D Thomas – Ark Royal 6.1.89; D Thompson – Admiralty Interview Board 3.1.89; F G Thompson – MOD London 21.2.89.

The Army
BRIGADIER: W R Barker – To be Comd Trg Gp RCT 10.10.88.
COLONELS: J Diffen – To HQ UKLF 10.10.88; A J Reed Screen – To be CRE, Armd Div HQ & Sig Regt, 10.10.88; M E Browne ITAJ – To MOD 15.10.88.
LIEUTENANT COLONELS: J Hutchins 9, 12L – To MOD 10.10.88; P F C Lord Phillips 9, 12L – To Joint Warfare Staff, 10.10.88; F M Wawn AAC – To be CO 4 Regt AAC 10.10.88; C R C Green RCT – To be CO Depot & Trg Regt RCT 10.10.88; M O'Donoghue AAC – To MOD 10.10.88; R H Taylor KOSB – To HQ UKLF, 10.10.88.

Honorary Appointments

The Army
GENERAL: Sir Martin Farndale, Colonel Commandant Royal Regiment of Artillery, is appointed Colonel Commandant Royal Horse Artillery July 26 1988 in an existing vacancy.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL: Sir Robert Pascoe late The Royal Green Jackets is appointed Colonel Commandant Army Legal Corps October 1 1988 in succession to General Sir David Mostyn ADC Gen tenure expired.

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: T Nattrass – to HQSTC 10.10.88; N B Baldwin – to HQSTC 10.10.88.
WING COMMANDER: D M Wesley – to MOD London 10.10.88; F G Burke – to HQRAFC 10.10.88; J J Gilson – to RAF PMC 10.10.88; J D Pennaby – to MODAFD 10.10.88; D R A Wilson – to RAF Staff College Bracknell 10.10.88.

Territorial Army Half Yearly Promotions

The Ministry of Defence announces the following Territorial Army promotions effected between 1 January 1988 and 1 July 1988.

Major to Lieutenant Colonel
J K Barker, TD RE: R Bethney, YORKS; R L Campbell Robsond, TD RCT; J L Clarke, TD RE, L Clifford, TD RCT, R D L Hughes, TD RCT; G R Illingworth, TD REME; B J Ireland, TD RAMC; M O M Keating, TD QARANC; D A S Lockhart, TD RCT; L A Parker, TD QARANC; H V Penketh, Staff; C C A Pnaig, TD RAMC; R C Selby-Boothroyd, TD RE; M P Sharp, TD Signals; M R Steele, TD REME; M T Stelger, TD DLOY; A P Verey, TD R SIGNALS; M N Woodford MBE, TD RAOC.

Captain to Major
J T Averty, QARANC; K B Backett, TD Gen List; M Bandy, QARANC; S S Banerjee, RAMC; W R Barker, RE; C D Barr, TD RE; R P Bateman, Wessex; A C Beck, RADC; S J Bellaies, TD PARA, B J Bennett, RA Ch D, J C Bennett, RCT; A J Beveridge, RCT; M G Blair, RA; A J Blemfield, KINGS OWN BORDER; R M L Blomfield, RD Of EFNS, A J Brandrick, WFR, V M Broadh, QARANC; P F Brunyee, YORKS; D D Burzico, TD YORKS; A E Bush, RAPC; K Callaghan, GM QOM RADC; S Card, R ANGLIAN; J E Carr, QARANC; A Clark, QARANC; D T Cockrill, YORKS; C J Cooper, RCT; M G Coulson, R MON, REME; D E Crowley, RRW; B E Darrah, R SIGNALS; G S Davies, TD RE; M Delghton, TD R SIGNALS; M D Devlin, RAMC; G R Dickson, RAMC; J Docherty, QARANC; P T Doughty, RA, A F Downie, 62 LOWLAND, M J Dunn, RCT; R J Dunn, RAMC; S A Durrant, WESSEX; A M S Duthoit, TD RAPC; D R W Edge, QOMY; P C Evetson, PARA, M Fawcett, RE; M R Field, RAOC; R J Fitzsimmons, RA, W S Fraser, Gen List, R D Frost, TD RE PCS; G O Fulton, DLOY; J Goodwin, LInY).

R C Gosling, TD RAMC; D B Graham, RAPC; P L Gray, R SIGNALS; W A Hadden, RAMC; R D Hastie Smith, 62 Lowland; P B R Houghton, YORKS, K A Hurley, RMP; C N Huss, LInY), J H Insley, R SIGNALS; D J James, TD WESSEX; D E James, WRAC; G B Jenkins, RRW; D A Jones, RAMC; P Jones, RRW, R A Jones, R SIGNALS, V A Kelly, QARANC; I F Kennedy, RCT; J A Kermack, TD RE; L Larke, TD SAS; R D Lee-Can, RAPC; S C Leedham, MERCIAN; W J Lemon, RA; J N S Li, RAMC; I L MacDonald, PARA; P Marples, TD RCT, J T Matthews, R ANGLIAN; H M Maung, RAMC; N Mawhinney, RAMC; H K Mcallister, R IRISH; R N McGarva, RAMC; E G McMahon, KINGS, M J McManus, Gen List; M C Mercer, TD, Wessex; S A Mahon, WRAC; Mostow, RE; J S Nickell-Lean, QOY; I J T Noon, R SIGNALS; W J P O'Connor, TD R ANGLIAN; J E N Ott, RAMC; M J Palmer, RAMC, Gen List; G Payne, R SIGNALS; R S A Pearce, LInY, K J Pearson, 51 HIGHLAND; G P Peckles, WRAC; J Preston, RADC; B S Price, Gen List; D I Parry, REME; C Rawlins, TD RCT; P A Rewlins, RAMC; J S Rennie, TD REME, B D Richardson, YORKS; G A Rose, RE, J F Rowan, RAMC; S I Rowe, RRW; G M Salvati, RAOC; P A Savundra, RAMC; S Schreuder, RAOC; J N Scott, RAMC; P J Scott, RD REME; C Scotton, QARANC; A J Sharkey, RAMC; M A S Smart, RAOC; R C Smith, RCT; D F Somers, YORKS, H M Splndler, RCT; P R Stabb, TD RCT; J D C Stanley, WESSEX, G P Stewart, QARANC, I M Stoney, TD RA.

I I G Thomas, RCJ; G C Roth 62 LOWLAND; R N A J Tourmay, R ANGLIAN; G M Tracey, RE PCS; A C Underwood QARANC; D J Walker TD Int Corps; D M Walker Gen List, R M Watson PARA; R M Weller, RAMC; R Wenbirst RCT; J Whitt, TD RAMC; A Whitehead, TD Int Corps; I R Winnlow, RAMC; A P Williams, STAFFORDS; R M Wilts, TD D T Wood, RAMC; N Woodland, RE PCS; W J Woods, TD R SIGNALS; R Wright, LInY; R O Wylie, TD YORKS; D R Yates, RAMC; R K Young, D and D, M P Zaczek, RE PCS.

Lieutenant to Captain
D Armstrong, RAMC; D Q Arnold, Forster RA; M G Austin, RRF; R S Atkinson, RE PCS; L Bagnall, QARANC; A P Barnes, RCT; N T Barrett, WESSEX; C D Bate, Int Corps; C Beadon, RCT; S Bell, QARANC; K Berry, QARANC; D J Blake, WESSEX; G K G Blanchard, LInY); W H Bones, R SIGNALS; T G Bunting, DLOY; D Bridgland, RAPC; J Brown, QUEENS; J D Burrows, 62 Lowland; G R Butler, RE; W A Butt, RACHD; E Caley, RCT; R W Caton, RGJ; N G Clapham, R ANGLIAN; K M Clarke, QARANC; P Clarke, YORKS; P S Clarke, YORKS; T D Clifton, 16/5L; G B J Cohen, HAC; S M Cola, LInY; D Coleman, ACC; R G Connor, WESSEX; I R N Coakes, RA; M A J Cornish, WESSEX; T Cornmell, RCT; R P Critchlow, YORKS; W Cunningham, RA.

D J Davies, RAMC; S P Davies, RA; P M Davison, WRAC; C M Dawes, R SIGNALS; J E Deeney, RE PCS; H M Dixon, 14/20 H; D Doherty, R SIGNALS, R Doyle MA, 62 LOWLAND; M D Du Vallon-Lohan, RMP; K S Dubre, QARANC; J A Duncalfe, RE, H M Dyer, RRW; D S Edmonds, RCT; G Edwards, MERCIAN; H G Edwards, QUEENS, K M B Elnagger, QARANC; R H Emary, RY; J W Fallows, R SIGNALS, C T L Fellowes, QOY; L Fitton, DLR; K M Flanagan, YORKS; P L Fletcher REME; D D Foster, RRW; C S Fowle, RH; R N Franklin, REME; C A Gallagher, YORKS; C M Gammack, 51 HIGHLAND; B E Gardiner, RE; J L Garland, RAMC; J H Gerrie, R SIGNALS, S E Gerry, QARANC; J M Gibson, RACHD; A G Gilbert, QARANC; D G Gribbins, RAOC, H M Godfrey, RACHD; N V S Goulding, WESSEX; C M Graham, QARANC; D M Gray, Gen List; M F T Green, RRW; C G Grimshaw, QARANC; D R Griffiths, RE; I S D Grime, REME; T F S Hall-Wilson, WFR; P M Hamlet, RACHD.

I C Hannam, Gen List; R W D L Harper, RWY; C W Hattersley, D and D; L Head, RAMC; B P Heath, TD D and D; J Henderson, MTI KINGS OWN BORDER; C M E Hetherington, RAMC; G C Hill, MERCIAN; S C Hill PWO; P R Hinson, RRF; I J Hislop, RRF; C S Irwin, Gen List; J Irwin, R SIGNALS, M Irvine, KINGS OWN BORDER; R V Izard, RJ, PCS.

R A S Jefferson, RE; M Jess, RECT; I G Johnson, LInY; J Johnson, QUEENS; J Jones, R W Jones, RAMC; D Kenyon, 51 HIGHLAND; P F Kirby, PARA; J A B Kinloch, RA; A Kirk, R ANGLIAN; A Lamb, R SIGNALS; D Lamping, RADC; A D H Lapidge, RE, R P O Le Marchant Gen List; A O Lee, REME; I P Leggate, RADC; P G Lewis, 5 L; L W Lockerbee, Hayden, RE; R H Lockhart, RA; A M Lower, RY; M J H Ludlow, 51 HIGHLAND; R D Luscombe, RAPC; W D J Lytle, R IRISH; D Markham GM, REME; N D Marsh, 51 LOWLAND; S A W Marsh, RCT; R N Mason, RE; C N Metger, RCJ; N J Maxtop, RA; A McAllister, QARANC; D McCall, RCT; A J K McCulloch, 51 HIGHLAND; J R McDonald, YORKS; M McGrath, QARANC; K W McGrath, R MON, RE, (M); R M McLennan RCT; C McLeod, 51 HIGHLAND; M C McNeill, QARANC; C N Mears, BEM QUEENS; P Mehta, RAOC; E Mellor, RMP; D Middleton, RA; G Miles, R SIGNALS; C Mitchell, R IRISH; I C S Morseth, HAC; E Munro, 51 HIGHLANDS; D G Murray, RAMC; M Murray, 62 LOWLAND; W Murray RAMC.

J L Newton, R SIGNALS; T N O'Brien, RCT; D T O'Donovan, D and D; P J Organ, RAOC; J Osborne, PARA; T C Park, BEM RAOC; E G Parsons, Gen List; M D Pelw, R SIGNALS; M W Phillip, REME; J W Piper, D and D; C A Pollard, RE PCS; N L Ponsonby, 51 HIGHLANDS; S M Pope, TD RA; M L Preece, RRF; J R Price, RCT; J H Proul, RE PCS; S Purnell, RACHD; L C A Ranson, R WY; G Ratazzi, RE; J A Redfern, QUEENS; A G Rigby, RAOC; C R Riley Gen List; I Roberts, RAMC; F Robertson, QUEENS; J S Robinson, RAMC; N J M Robinson, RY.

D J Rogers RAMC; C J Roylance, RE; R Rundle, D and D; C Rundle, RAMC; P W Rushton, RACHD; S N S Sadler, RA; C L Sandercock, RE, R A Scorer, REME; R J Scott, R SIGNALS; D Scott, QUEENS; D L Seeney, Gen List, A Shaw, RPC; D J Shepherd, RE, S J Shire, RE, N A Shugar, PARA; J R Smethurst, R IRISH; A E Smith, RAMC; I H Smith, RAMC; O J Smith, QUEENS; A Spencer, [illegible] P R Stacy, Gen List, R Stanley, [illegible] Stansfield, [illegible] PCS; I [illegible] P Stokes, KINGS OWN BORDER; R V Izard, RJ, PCS.

I M Strachan, MERCIAN; M J Stagg, QARANC; Taylor, RAMC; [illegible] P Thornton, QDH; A Thornhill, P SIGNALS; M [illegible] RACHD; G N Tuttle, RMP; [illegible] R F Tyrrell, PARA; D J Tweed, 52 LOWLAND; J M Tyler, Gen List; I R Udall, WESSEX; J C Varley, RA; G G Waddell, RE, A E Wall, RRF; M Warren, WRAC; C W Weber, QARANC; C D West, RAVC; P M A Westman HAC; A D White, RACHD; S V White, R A; J A J White, R SIGNALS; L Wilkinson, QOMY; W P Wilmowski, RE PCS; R M Wilson, QUEENS; R P Wilson, PARA; C G Wilton, WESSEX; R J Winder, RAMC; N W Winters, REME; A Wood, R ANGLIAN; N R Wyrley-Birch, QOY.

OBITUARIES

LUCIEN BALLARD

Master cinematographer who filmed them all, including Jane Russell in *The Outlaw*

Lucien Ballard, one of America's most distinguished film cameramen, died in California on October 1. He was 84 and had been injured two days earlier in a bicycle accident.

In a film career which stretched over more half a century, Ballard established himself as a complete master of his craft, whether on black-and-white studio-based films or working out of doors in colour on the epic sweep of the Western.

It was extraordinary that almost alone among the leading American cinematographers he never won an Oscar and he was nominated only once, for a mental hospital drama, *The Caretakers*, in 1963.

Part Cherokee Indian, Ballard was born in Miami, Oklahoma, on May 6, 1904, and attended the universities of Oklahoma and Pennsylvania. He entered the film industry from the timber business, becoming an editor and assistant cameraman at Paramount in the late 1920s.

In 1930 he was appointed assistant to Lee Garmes on Josef von Sternberg's *Morocco*, with Marlene Dietrich. It was to him an object lesson in the glamorous projection of actresses. He continued to work with von Sternberg, first as second cameraman on *The Devil is a Woman* (also with Dietrich) before being promoted to director of photography on *Crime and Punishment* in 1935.

After that his career languished for a while in B pictures but he worked on Howard Hughes's notorious Western, *The Outlaw*, with Jane Russell, and was the cameraman originally assigned to the thriller, *Laura*, but was replaced with the change in director.

During the 1940s Ballard worked on four pictures starring his second wife, Merle Oberon, whom he married in 1945 after her divorce from Alexander Korda. Their pictures included *Berlin Express* and *The Lodger*, a version of the Jack the Ripper story which owed much of its effect to Ballard's atmospheric lighting. The marriage was dissolved in 1949.



Ballard with his second wife, Merle Oberon, shortly after her divorce from Alexander Korda

In 1953 he shot *Inferno*, an otherwise unremarkable outdoor adventure story with Robert Ryan but gaining a footnote in cinema history as the most successful of the short-lived cycle of films in the early 1950s to use the 3-D process.

During the 1950s Ballard worked with Stanley Kubrick on his early low-budget thriller, *The Killing*, and he was responsible for the striking photography of two notable gangster films of the period, *Al Capone*, with Rod Steiger, and *The Rise and Fall of Legs Diamond*.

In his later career Ballard became particularly known for his contribution to the Western, working regularly with leading directors like Henry Hathaway, with whom he made John Wayne's Oscar winner, *True Grit*, Raoul Walsh and Budd Boetticher.

But his most fruitful collaboration was with Sam Peckinpah. It began in 1962 on the elegaic Western, *Guns in the Afternoon*, and continued for four more films, *The Wild Bunch*, *The Ballad of Cable Hogue*, *Junior Bonner* and *The Getaway*. Ballard's last film was *Rabbit Test*, with Joan Rivers, in 1978.

His third wife, Inez, was killed in a car accident in 1982, after a marriage of more than 30 years. He is survived by two sons.

THE DUKE of ST ALBANS



From Salerno beaches to Albert Bridge

Charles Frederic Aubrey de Vere Beauclerk, OBE, the 13th Duke of St Albans, died at the age of 73 on October 8 in London. He was Hereditary Grand Falconer of England and a direct descendant of Charles II by Nell Gwynne.

Born on August 16, 1915, and educated at Eton and Magdalene College, Cambridge, he had a distinguished wartime career, ending it as the youngest colonel in British Intelligence.

He was in the Psychological Warfare Branch (PWB) of the Army which, as the allies advanced in North Africa, and later through Sicily and Italy, disseminated news favourable to the Allies, imposed new editorial control on existing newspapers and started new ones.

There is a photograph in the third volume of his wife's autobiography, *Uncertain Wings*, showing Captain Beauclerk calmly smoking his pipe while supervising typesetting for the *Salerno Times* whilst under heavy enemy bombardment during the landings.

From 1948 to 1950, he was with the Allied Commission for Austria based in Vienna, the period flavour of which was conveyed in *The Third Man* by Graham Greene whom he knew at that time.

In 1951, he joined the Central Office of Information as Principal Information Officer. He rose rapidly to the position of Head of Books in the Publication Department, chief information officer in 1958 and director of films and television in 1960.

Expected to become Director General, he resigned in 1964 after inheriting his dukedom.

He then lived in Oakley Street, Chelsea, with his second wife and their four children and used to hold court across the road in the Pier Hotel where friends, mostly writers and painters, would congregate in the evenings.

They included such figures as Terence Kilmartin, John Davenport, and Peter Luke, the playwright and incidently his old fag at Eton.

Many of them were later invited to memorable venison dinners after the culling of the deer in the Royal parks.

As heriditary Grand Falconer he was entitled to a side of venison twice a year.

In 1965 he entered the City and became active in the property market. He was chairman of Amalgamated Developers and several other companies.

But his chairmanship of the Grendon Trust was subject to considerable criticism. He also took over the running of the Upper Grosvenor Galleries and was responsible with his second wife for several major exhibitions.

In the 1970s he moved to Vence, in France, where his wife's family had long held property, and later he became a resident of Monaco.

He made frequent visits to England to attend to his business interests and see his family and friends. He tended to use as a base Brooks' Club, where, like the previous Duke of St Albans, he was a popular member.

He married twice: firstly to Nathalie Walker in 1938 and secondly to Suzanne Fesq, the author and painter, by whom he had three sons and a daughter.

The Earl of Burford, the son of his first marriage, inherits the dukedom.

DEMETRIUS COMINO

Inventor of the Dexion angle

Mr Demetrius Comino, OBE, president of Dexion-Comino International, the company he founded to manufacture Dexion slotted angle steel which he had invented, died on September 27 at the age of 86.

A distinguished entrepreneur, he was born in Australia of a well-known Greek family but he lived all his adult life in England and took British nationality.

After schooling in Australia, he took a first class honours degree in engineering at University College, London, in 1923.

Comino was a man distressed by the decline in the international competitiveness of British industry and became determined to

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever. Psalm 111:10

BIRTHS

ALTMAN - On October 8th 1988, at The Portland Hospital, London, to Gerdi (née van den Berg) and Brian, a son, Frederick Samuel.

BEAL- On October 4th, to Hilary and Philip, a daughter, Emily Elizabeth.

CAMPUS - On Saturday October 8th, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, to Virginia (née Moss) and Eric, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Joy, a sister for David.

COOPER - On October 10th, to Sandra (née McIntosh) and Allan, a son, Felix William McKenzie, a brother for Cosmo.

COX - On September 23rd to Jeanie (née Macdonald) and Geoffrey, a son, Thomas James, a brother for Charlotte.

CRAIG HARVEY - On October 4th, to Julia and Nicholas; a son, a brother for Georgina.

DEVONSHIRE - On September 8th, 1988 at St. Josephs Hospital, Tucson, Arizona, USA, to Stephanie (née Parsons) and Christopher, a son, John Christopher.

FRASER - On October 7th, to Mary and Rory, a daughter Caroline.

HATCHARD - On September 30th, 1988, at Salisbury, to Diana (née McGill) and John, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, a sister for Edward.

HATCHER - On September 26th, at Maui, Hawaii, to Christine (née Salter) and Michael, a daughter Michelle.

JOHNSTON - On October 7th, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Alison (née Adair) and David, a daughter Sarah Alison, a sister for James.

KOUMOULLOS - On October 1st 1988, at Northwick Park Hospital, to Amanda (née Rich) and John, a beautiful daughter Zoë Christalla.

MASSEY - On October 8th, to Gabrielle (née Gryn) and David, a son, Adam Gordon.

MILES - On October 6th to Jersey, to Sarah (née Dawson) and Richard, a son Robert, a brother for Katharine.

NEWMAN - On October 2nd, to Kate (née Lilburn) and Peter, a son, William Alistair.

NICHOLSON - On October 9th, in Madrid, to Didi (née Seeby) and Edward, a son, Alexander James Edward.

RICH see Koumoullos .

RIDGEWAY - On September 30th 1988, at home in London, to Diana (née Sanders) and Rupert, a daughter, Rose Cicely Clio.

SHEARER - On October 9th, to Mary (née Davis) and Thom (Mark), a son, Thomas William Ladmore.

SPICER - On October 2nd 1988 in Kingston Upon Thames, to Indra and Robert, a son James Arthur.

STANLEY - On September 30th, to Fanny (née Fremantle) and Shann, a son Joshua John.

STEVENSON - On October 6th 1988, at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, to Michelle-Thérèse (née Burns) and David, a son, Jonathan Piers James.

TAIT - On October 6th, at King's College Hospital, to Sandra and Simon, a son, Adam Anderson.

TYERMAN - On October 8th, to Sarah and Christopher, a son, Thomas.

WARDROPE - On Monday October 3rd, at Queen Mary's, Sidcup, to Joanne and William, a daughter, Lucy Eleanor, a sister to Alex.

WATSON - On September 29th, in Berlin, to Selma and Alastair, a son, Harry.

WINSTON - On October 7th, to Patience and David, a daughter Constance Charlotte Elizabeth.

YOUNG - On October 2nd 1988, to Leigh (née Reid) and Ashley, a daughter Joanne Louise.

MARRIAGES

DELANEY:COLLIER (Herxheimer). On October 10th 1988, in London, Frank and Susan.

DEATHS

BAGGULEY - On October 8th, peacefully at Highbury Hospital, Nottingham, Henry Ralph, husband of Mary and father of Julia. Service at Saint Mary's Church, Radcliffe-on-Trent Notts, on Friday October 14th at 10 am. Enquiries to Radcliffe & District Funeral Service. Telephone 06073 2257.

BROWN - On October 8th, passed on to Higher Glory, Reverend Dr H.A.(Bert) Brown O.B.E., formerly of Papua. Sadly missed by his wife Anne, sisters Edith, Phyllis, Gladys and Margaret, daughter Jenny and grandchildren. Greatly missed by all. Memorial service to be announced.

BUSSCHE - On September 29th, peacefully in Washington D.C., Lady Camilla, wife of Axel, mother of Hans Sebastian, Patrick, Damian, Nicola and Jane Olivia. Memorial service took place in West Hatton, Maryland on October 3rd.

CARTER - On October 7th 1988, peacefully at his home, at Chelmondiston, Suffolk. Hector (Nick) aged 71 years, previously of South Kensington. Dearest husband and beloved friend of Marjorie, dear brother of Vera, cherished by his many friends. Funeral service at Ipswich Crematorium, West Chapel, on Friday 14th October at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only but donations to East Suffolk Macmillan Fund would be very welcome, care of Co-Operative Funeral Service, 10 Upper Orwell Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 1HW.

CARDIFF - On Sunday October 9th, Brigadier Ereld Cardiff C.B., C.B.E., formerly Scots Guards. Beloved husband of Peggy and father of Jennifer and Jane. Funeral strictly private. Memorial Service to be announced later. No letters please.

CHILD - On October 10th, very peacefully, Dorothy Mary. Beloved sister of the late Dr. Kate Foley. Much loved by all her own family and the Foley family. Requiem Mass on Friday, October 14th at noon at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead (Nr. Wanstead Central Line Station). Family flowers only but if desired donations to Save The Children Fund.

CLARKE - On Sunday, October 9th 1988, peacefully in 4 Brockenhurst Nursing Home, Dusey, widow of colonel Noble Clarke late R.T.R., mother of Anthony and Elizabeth, grandmother and great grandmother. Cremation at Southampton Crematorium, on Thursday, October 13th at 2pm (East Chapel). Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research. Inquiries to R. Hallam & son, 0705 893729.

De LEFDE - On October 7th 1988, peacefully in Heemstede, The Netherlands, Jan Joost, much loved by Dr. A.J.M. de Liefde Doorman, Bade de Liefde, Alec Martijl and Tessa en Gwendolyn ('Grauenhage). De Heer en Mevrouw van Gool-Reeh, Anne van Gool, Guy Reeh, Clara van Gool (Amsterdam), Mrs. M. Ross (Miami), Wanda de Liefde (Dundee), Caroline de Liefde (Alles in Vrijal, and Anne I. de Liefde - Baronesse van Delsen, Bart de Liefde (Rotterdam). Funeral on the 14th October in Alles in Vleis, Alicante, Spain. Correspondence to Bade de Liefde, Galvanistraal 16, 2517 RC 's Gravenhage, The Netherlands.

DEWAR - On October 6th, peacefully in hospital, Ayrlvin, mother of Peedar Keighley. Funeral service at 2.30pm on Monday October 17th at St Helen's, Bishopsgate, London EC3, followed by private cremation. Flowers, which are most welcome, can be sent to J.H. Kenyon Limited, 132 Preston Road, London NW1.

DYMENT - On Thursday October 6th, peacefully at home, Stanley Arthur, husband of Eva Helen, and father of John and Christopher. Funeral 2pm, Wednesday October 12th, at Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton. No flowers please.

FLOWER - On October 9th, peacefully at home, Hugh Flower A.F.C., beloved husband of Joan, father of Nikl and Antony and grandfather of Simon and Aaron. Funeral private; thanksgiving service at Twinstead Church, Thursday October 20th at 2pm.

FOX - On October 9th, peacefully at home, Barbara, dear wife of the late H. Staley, and much loved mother of Johnny, James, Andrew and grandmother. Funeral private.

GARNER - On October 8th, peacefully at New Hall Manor Nursing Home, Wirral, Evelyn, dearly loved mother of John and devoted wife of the late Archie, who served in Tanganyika Territory. Funeral service at Landican Crematorium, Wirral, on Friday October 14th 1pm. Family flowers only please, but donations may be made in lieu, for Help the Aged, c/o J. Garner, Millyen, 47 Farr Hall Drive, Heswall, Wirral. 051 3424050.

GOODMAN - On October 9th, 1988, peacefully at home, after a short illness. Grp. Capt. Norman George, 'Sam', Goodman, aged 76 years. The beloved husband of Audrey, his 2nd wife, and father of Nicki and Tony. Thanksgiving service at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood at 10.30am on Friday 14th October. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be sent to RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, W1.

HANNA - On October 6th 1988 peacefully at home, Mike, approaching her 90th year. Widow of Alan Williams. Brave and indomitable mother of Philip, Frederick, Isobel and Barbara. Memorable and dearly loved grandmother of Mathew, Oliver and Jasper Morgan. Also to Piers, Reyner, Karen, Janice and Margt. A full and valiant life now richly spent. Enquiries to Ashtons 01-274 8425.

HARDY - On October 8th, peacefully at her home in Wilmslow, Cheshire, Ann aged 58, previously of Hong Kong. Deeply loved and missed by her husband Colin, and her son Ian and his wife Elizabeth and by her daughter Gillian. Funeral private at her own request. In lieu of flowers donations may if so wished, be sent to Christie Y.A.G Laser Cancer Appeal, Christie Hospital, Withington, Manchester 20.

HARRISON - On Sunday October 9th, peacefully in her sleep, Alice Harrison, lately of Lowfield, Chalfont Lane, Chorleywood, aged 83. Widow of Phil; loving mother and grandmother. Funeral at Chorleywood Free Church on Monday 17th October at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Chorleywood Free Church (Baptist).

HASLAM - On October 7th 1988, at St Luke's Nursing Home Oxford, Norah Aphia aged 82 years, Widow of Eric Seale Haslam of Breadsall Priory, Derby. Loving aunt of Susan Lloyd, Jane Quayy, Kate and Tabitha Woodroffe. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service and committal of ashes at St Matthews Church Morley Derby on Saturday October 29th at Noon.

HAXTON - On October 7th 1988, peacefully in her sleep at Diss, Norfolk, Norah, aged 85 years, formerly of Hatch End, wife of Andrew Haxton and much loved mother of Sheila and Susan. Funeral service at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich on Thursday October 13th at 11 am. Cut flowers only please to, Rackhams Funeral Service, Stanley Road, Diss, Norfolk.

HOPKINSON - On October 8th, in Winchester, after a long illness gallantly borne, Anne, dear wife of Stephen, mother of Jennifer, Garsons, Selina, Lucy, Edmonds and Simon, and loved grandmother and friend. Cremation private, family flowers only. Thanksgiving service in Winchester College Chapel to be announced later.

HULTON - On October 8th, peacefully at his home, Sir Edward George Warrie, aged 81. Funeral at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm St., London W1, on Wednesday October 12th at 3pm. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 12 Chiltern St., London W1. There will be a memorial service later.

HUNTER - On Saturday October 8th 1988, Michael John F.R.C.S. F.R.C.S. Ed., at home. Friend and husband of hope, happy father of Nicholas, Jeremy and Svend. Funeral service St Mary's, Overton, Basingstoke, Hampshire on Friday October 14th 1988, at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St John's Ambulance 'holidays for the disabled' c/o Mrs M. Fagan, Deane Hill House, Deane, Basingstoke, RG25 2AX. Private cremation. Memorial services at Basingstoke District Hospital and Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, to be announced later. 'He Tried so Hard'.

JEFFCOAT - On October 7th 1988, at St Luke's Hospital, Guildford, Mary Edith Goodwin (née Flora), aged 83. Dearest wife of John and mother of David. Service at Guildford Crematorium, Thursday October 13th at 10.30am. Family flowers only. Please, donations, if desired, to Heart, Chest and Stroke Association, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JE.

KER-RAMSAY - On October 9th, 1988, at Hogarths, 26 Tenniel Close, daughter of the late Robert and Ellie Grace Ker-Ramsay, one time Principal of Wimbledon Kindergarden. Funeral at Pleasington Crematorium, Blackburn, Thursday October 13th, 11.30am. No flowers please. Enquiries: Waring McKenna Funerals, Telephone (0254) 51677.

MAYERS - On October 9th 1988, after a short illness, Mary Beatrice, aged 80 years, widow of the late Hon. Mr Justice Thomas Henry Mayers. Funeral at the Parish Church of St Mary, Barnes, London SW13, on Friday October 14th at 12 noon. Enquiries Lyons Funeral Directors, Canterbury. Telephone: 0227 463508.

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MODIANO - On Sunday October 9th, peacefully at home, Jack, a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He will be sadly missed by his family and all his friends. The cremation will take place at 11.00 am. today, Tuesday October 11th, at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane NW11. Prayers at home on Wednesday, at 8.00 pm. No flowers by request.

OULTON - On September 27th 1988, suddenly in St Lucia, E. Caribbean, John, much loved husband of Anne and father of Mark, David and Matthew. Funeral Thursday October 13th. Service, 1.30pm in Repton Parish Church, Derbyshire, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Save The Children Fund, marked for Nepal.

PHELPS - On October 8th 1988, Brigadier Douglas Vaudeleur T.D., J.P., D.L., of Grove Farm House Langham, Norfolk, aged 84 years. Beloved husband of Ronnie (née Comus-Hardy), devoted father of Laura and Johnnie and grandfather of Emma, Christian and Charlotte. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service at St Andrew's Church Letheringsett on Thursday October 13th at 11.30am. Flowers to S.T. Sutton, Bank Street, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk; NR23 1HL. Telephone: Fakenham 0328 710301.

RAMSBOTTOM - On October 6th 1988, Vivian, aged 70 years, formerly warden of Madingley Hall, Cambridge, beloved husband of Connie, father of Ian, Lesley and David.

ROBERTS - On October 6th 1988, Cyril C.B.E., D.L., aged 80 years, at home. Dear husband of Christine and father of Francis, Penelope, David and Geoffrey. Funeral at Saint Mary The Virgin, Fittleworth, near Pulborough, on Friday October 14th, at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to West Sussex Cancer Relief c/o King Edward VII Hospital, Easebourne, near Midhurst, West Sussex.

ROSSO di CERAMI - On Saturday October 8th in Munich, The Princess Kristina, the beloved other half of Sir James. Funeral mass at Tauranina Cathedral, Sicily. 11.00 am Wednesday October 12th.

SCOTT - On October 5th 1988, suddenly, David Victor, aged 36, beloved husband of Pam, devoted father of Sophie. Service to be held at St Edward's Church, Windsor at 1.45 pm, Friday October 14th. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to Bangladesh Flood Appeal or St Joseph's Hospice.

SMITH - On October 7th, peacefully, after a long illness, Joan Mary of Aldersey, aged 60. Much loved mother of Carole and Anthony and devoted nanny to Caroline, Nigel, Rupert, Anne-Marie and Jonathan. Cremation at Golders Green, 11.50am on October 14th. Memorial service in Aldersey on October 24th.

ST-ALBANS - On October 8th, 1988, at King Edward VII's Hospital, after a brave fight, Charles Frederic Aubrey De Vere Beauclerk, 13th Duke of St.Albans O.B.E. Funeral private. No flowers, but donations to Cancer Research. Memorial service to be announced later.

WAIT - On October 7th 1988, peacefully after a long illness Margaret Wait, aged 77, late of Allriston. Cremation at Kingston-on-Thames, on October 14th at 1.30 pm. No flowers please.

WHITEAR-STURMAN - On October 6th, suddenly, at Robin Lane, Pudsey, West Yorkshire, Hugh Gregory (Hugo). Much loved husband, devoted father, loving son, and dear friend. 'No one who knew him will ever forget him'. Service and cremation takes place on Thursday October 15th at 2pm at Cottingley Hall Crematorium, Leeds. Hugo will be resting in the private chapels of Menuny and Ward, Lowtown, Pudsey, where flowers may be sent.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BRIGHT - A service of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Christopher Bright, will be held at Fingest Church Fingest, near Henley on Thames at 12 noon, Tuesday October 25th.

EVANS - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of William Evans M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., Consulting Physician to The London Hospital, The National Heart Hospital and The Institute of Cardiology, sometime Consulting Cardiologist to The Royal Navy will be held at St. Caron's Church, Tregaron, Dyfed, Wales on Saturday October 22nd at 11.30am.

McCARTHY - A Mass and Thanksgiving for the life of Michael John, will be held on Thursday October 13th at 6.30pm in Saint Mary's, Cadogan Street, London.

SARGANT - A service to celebrate the life of Tom Sargent, former Secretary of Justice, will be held on Wednesday October 19th in The Temple Church, Temple, London EC4 at 5pm.

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BOOKING KEY
☆ Seats available
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE:** Tom Wilkinson with Connie Booth in Arthur Miller's adaptation of Ibsen's witch-hunt drama.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE2 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Previews until Wed 7.30pm, press night Oct 13, 7pm, then Mon-Sat 7.30pm. £7.50. (D)

☆ **THE CONDUCT OF LIFE:** Richard Lintern and Joan Heal in Cuban-born writer's drama: power sexually corrupts.
Gate Theatre, Prince Albert Public House, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (01-229 0706). Tube: Notting Hill Gate. Preview today 8-9.15pm. Press night Oct 12, 8-9.15pm, then Mon-Sat 8-9.15pm. £4.50. (D)

☆ **DIVINE GOSSIP:** Sean Baker as DH Lawrence, with Nicholas Farrell and Linus Roache in new Stephen Lowe play, set in Paris with 20s songs.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-638 8891). Tubes: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Preview today 7.30pm, press night Oct 12, 7pm, then in repertory. Eves £8.50. Mats £6.50.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm. £7.50-£15. (D)

☆ **NATIVE AMERICAN:** Manning Redwood in new Constance Congdon play exploring the poverty of the American Dream out there on the prairies.
Lyric Studio Theatre, King St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 4.30pm. £6.

☆ **THE SNEEZE:** Marvellously funny and varied Chekhov/Frayn pieces, eight in all: Rowan Atkinson, Timothy West and Cheryl Campbell in peak form.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404/0641). Tube: Holborn/Temple/Charing Cross/Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8.30pm. Mats Weds 3pm and Sat 5pm. £5-£15.

☆ **SUGAR BABIES:** Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller star in nostalgia show vastly popular on Broadway. Dirty talk and high kicks.
Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888) Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8.10.30pm and mats Thur and Sat 2.30-5pm. £8.50-£22.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **And Then There Were Non:** Strand Theatre (01-405 0072) . . ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072) . . ☆ **Fellies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399) . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108) . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111) . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

EXOLETE
(a) Something or someone obsolete, out-of-use, from the Latin *exolescere, -etus* to grow out of use: "All the exoletes, dances, procumbents, and unpatteringly ugly bagmen she called her councillors."

SCAPE
(c) The shaft of a column, from the broad Doric Greek *skapos* cognate with *skeptron* a sceptre: "From the third part of their Scape or lower part upward."

FEAK
(a) The hawking term for wiping the beak after feeding (esoteric jargon is part of the charm of silly sports), from the German *fegen* to cleanse or sweep: "When your hawk hath fed, say she feaketh her beak and not wipeth it."

FRONTAL
(c) Candid, direct, open, I think from "up front", American slang bet coming in with fashionable British advertising trendies; *The Washington Post*: "He's a very direct and forceful guy, a very frontal person."

☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . ★ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)

☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216) . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

COVENTRY: ☆ **Asylum:** Sarah Miles as an ex-inmate breaking in again so as to escape to the world outside. Paul Kember play, London-bound.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055). Previews today and tomorrow 7.30pm, £3.90. Press night Thurs 7.30pm, £3.90. Fri and Sat 8pm, £4.20-£6.50. Then Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, £3.90-£6.20. Until Oct 29. (D)

YORK: ☆ **On Your Way Riley:** Alan Plater's play with music tells of the home life of Old Mother Riley (Arthur Lucan), henpecked by daughter Kitty (in fact, his wife).
Theatre Royal, St Leonard's Place (0904 623568). Mon, Tues and Thurs, 7.30pm, Wed 7pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.50.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
≡ **Advance booking possible**

■ **BABETTE'S FEAST (U):** One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stephane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.40, 5.00, 7.25, 9.45.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

BAGDAD CAFE (PG): German director Percy Adlon presents the warm, comic tale of a large middle-class tourist from Bavaria, stranded in the American West. With Marianne Sagebrecht, Jack Palance, C.C.H. Pounder (91 min).
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 3.15, 5.05, 7.10, 9.05.

■ **BEETLEJUICE (15):** Michael Keaton steals the scenes as a ghost in a supernatural comedy. Tim Burton directs (92 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
≡ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.55, 4.15, 6.40, 9.05.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.15, 8.40.
≡ **Warner West End** (01-439 7691). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.30, 8.40.

DROWNING BY NUMBERS (18): Three generations of women, all called Cissie Colpitts, become involved with a coroner, who knows about the deaths of their husbands in deep water (118 min).
Gate (01-727 4043). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.45.
≡ **Lumiere** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40.

GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15): Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up the morale of the troops. Directed by Barry Levinson (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 4.10, 6.45, 9.25.

Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.05, 8.10.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 3.15, 5.45, 8.20.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.15, 5.15, 8.15.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 3.30, 6.10, 8.35.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 12.456, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.

MIDNIGHT RUN (15): Engaging comedy-thriller, with Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a sensitive ball-jumping accountant cross-country. With Charles Grodin; directed by Martin Brest (126 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.20, 5.10, 8.05.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.15, 9.15.
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.45, 9.15, 11.55.

PATHFINDER (15): Visually spectacular Norwegian drama based on the legendary exploits of a young nomad who lures marauding warriors to their death. Directed by Nils Gaup (86 min).
Cannon Shaftesbury Ave (01-836 6279). Progs 1.25, 3.45, 6.00, 8.30.

POLTERGEIST III (15): Routine reworking of familiar situations, with the late Heather O'Rourke experiencing more poltergeist trouble in a Chicago high rise. Directed by Gary Sherman.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0613). Progs 2.15, 4.50, 7.25, 10.05.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(3)	**One Moment in Time**	Whitney Houston, *Arista*
2	(1)	**Desire**	U2, *Island*
3	(11)	**Don't Worry, Be Happy**	Bobby McFerrin, *Manhattan*
4	(4)	**Teardrops**	Womack & Womack, *Fourth & Broadway*
5	(2)	**He Ain't Heavy**	Hollies, *EMI*
6	(7)	**She Wants to Dance**	Rick Astley, *RCA*
7	(12)	**A Little Respect**	Erasure, *Mute*
8	(17)	**Wee Rule**	Wee Papa Girl Rappers, *Jive*
9	(6)	**Nothing Can Divide Us**	Jason Donovan, *PWL*
10	(5)	**A Groovy Kind of Love**	Phil Collins, *Virgin*

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1		**Flying Colours**	Chris de Burgh, *A&M*
2	(3)	**Revolutions**	Jean Michel Jarre, *Polydor*
3	(1)	**New Jersey**	Bon Jovi, *Vertigo*
4		**Pop Art**	Transvision Vamp, *MCA*
5	(5)	**Moonlighting**	Various, *WEA*
6	(8)	**Kylie—The Album**	Kylie Minogue, *PWL*
7	(4)	**Rap Trax**	Various, *Stylus*
8	(5)	**Conscience**	Womack & Womack, *Fourth & Broadway*
9	(2)	**Staring at the Sun**	Level 42, *Polydor*
10	(17)	**Ones on 1**	Various, *BBC*

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Jacobi's royal double



Shakespeare's two *Richard* plays stand like book-ends at either end of his cycle of eight English History plays. Groups of the plays are often performed but it is far less usual to extract just the beginning and the end. Derek Jacobi (left) is to play these two extremes of English majesty in a season that starts with *Richard II* tomorrow at Guildford and then plays for a week each at Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen before going to the Phoenix Theatre in London at the end of November. *Richard III* opens in January and from February the two will be performed in repertoire. Jacobi has acted Richard II before, on BBC Television, but has not previously hunched his shoulders for the Crookback. After nine years at the National Theatre, where he played Laertes in the opening production, he achieved national celebrity as the stammering emperor in the television series *I Claudius*. His most recent stage appearance was as the homosexual genius Alan Turing in *Breaking the Code*, directed by Clifford Williams, who is also directing the *Richards*. The designs by Carl Toms will be traditional medieval, so be prepared for mini-doublets, velvet bouppelands and wild, wild wimples. Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Millbrook, Guildford (0483 60191). Opens tomorrow 7.30 pm. £10.50-£15. *Jeremy Kingston*

OPERA

☆ **THE BARBER OF SEVILLE:** Revival of Jonathan Miller's sometimes overthoughtful production for English National Opera, now with Peter Colman-Wright in the title role and Dalia Jones repeating her splendid Rosina.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2.50-£26. (D)

☆ **KATRYA CABANOVA:** Glyndebourne Touring Opera presents Stephen Lawless' staging of the summer's new and powerful Janacek production. Sian Edwards conducts the London Sinfonietta Opera Orchestra.
Glynebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111), 7.30-10.15pm, £10- £20.

☆ **LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR:** Valerie Masterson is Donizetti's deranged heroine in a newly streamlined staging of the production originally seen at Welsh National Opera.
Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.15-10.15pm, £4-£18.75. (D)

☆ **TIME FOR TAN:** As part of the "Portugal 600" series Melvyn Tan plays sonatas by Scarlatti, Seixas and Giustini on the fortepiano.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **HEAR HATFIELD:** Lesley Hatfield plays violin sonatas by Brahms and Debussy. Timothy Carey is at the piano.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq, London WC2 (01-839 1930). 1.05-2pm, free.

☆ **PLUS KREUTZER:** The "Beethoven Plus" series has the Capricorn ensemble performing Kreutzer's Grand Septet Op 62 and Beethoven's Grand Quintet Op 16.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 1.10-2.10pm, £3.50. (D)

EVENING

☆ **SOUNDS OF SINOPOLI:** The Philharmonia is conducted by Giuseppe Sinopoli in Debussy's Nocturnes, Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto (Gil Shaham, soloist) and Symphony No 3 "Scottish."
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £4.50-£16. (D)

☆ **OLD TESTAMENT LADIES:** Charlotte de Rothschild's recital is a celebration of ladies from The Old Testament and includes arias from Carissimi's *Jepthe*, Handel's *Solomon*, Vivaldi's *Juditha Triumphans*, Handel's *Joshua*, Massenet's *Eve*, Handel's *Samson*, Parry's *Judith*, Handel's *Deborah* and Lennox Berkeley's *Ruth*.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3.50-£7.50.

☆ **BOUGHTON IN BRISTOL:** The English String Orchestra is conducted by William Boughton in *The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba* by Handel, Haydn's Symphonies Nos 2 and 4, Mozart's Oboe Concerto (Nicholas Daniel, soloist), Sibelius's *Rakastava* Suite and Stravinsky's Concerto in D.
St George's, Charlotte St, Brandon Hill, Bristol (0272 230359), 7.30pm, £5.75.

☆ **PIANO, FLUTE:** Lucy Parham (piano) and Karen Jones (flute) share between them Schumann's *Fantasiestücke* Op 12, Bourne's *Carmen* Fantasy, Chopin's Ballade No 4, Griffes's *Poème*, Scriabin's Etude Op 42 No 5, Poulenc's Flute Sonata.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 6pm, £1.50-£3.50. (D)

GALLERIES

BARBARA RAE: Paintings inspired by the landscape and geology of Wester Ross. Plus: Paintings by William Crozier.
The Scottish Gallery, 94 George Street, Edinburgh (031 225 5955), Mon-Fri 9-5.30pm, Sat 9.30-2pm, free, until November 2.

ANTHONY GROSS (1905-1984): Early paintings 1927-1932 by a celebrated etcher.
The Belgrave Gallery, 22 Mason's Yard, London SW1 (01-930 0294), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, free, until November 4.

ROSEMARY TROCKEL: An installation of strange objects in cabinets by a German avant-garde artist.
Institute of Contemporary Art, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647), daily 12-8pm, 60p, until November 13.

LEIGH BOWERY: High kitsch performance art.
Anthony D'Offay, 9 Dering Street, London W1 (01-499 4100), performances 4-6pm Tues-Fri, Sat 11-1pm, free, until October 15.

VISIONS OF WOMEN: Work by Ursula Bayer, Phyllis Mahon and Barbara Tyrrell.
Lamont Gallery, 65 Roman Road, London E2 (01-981 6332), Tues-Sat 11-6pm, free, until November 5.

THE CONTEMPORARY TEXTILES EXHIBITION: Traditional and avant-garde works by 12 makers.
Peter Scott Gallery, University of Lancaster, Bailrigg, Lancaster (0524 65201), Mon-Fri 12-5.30pm, Sat 2-4.30pm, free, until November 12.

JAZZ

☆ **NUCLEUS:** Nearing its 20th birthday, Ian Carr's band provides a vehicle for the trumpeter's Miles-inspired fusion.
Southampton Jazz Festival, Solent Suite, Guildhall (info 0703 671771/223855) 7.30pm, £5.50.

☆ **JAZZ WARRIORS:** The loose ensemble work which marred the opening night of the tour may well have been ironed out by now.
St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 371236) 7.30pm, tickets from £5.50.

☆ **AIRTO/FLORA PURIM:** The ebullient husband-and-wife team are back for another fortnight.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 (members £2).

☆ **JEAN TOUSSAINT:** Regular session from the ex-Messengers tenor player, with Alec Dankworth (bass), Bryan Spring (drums).
Jazz Cafe, 56 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 4936) 8.30pm, £3.

DANCE

☆ **THEME AND VARIATIONS:** Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet's new production of Balanchine's classic to Tchaikovsky music, presented with Les Sylphides and Petrushka.
Birmingham Hippodrome, Hurst St, Birmingham (021-622 7486), 2-4.30pm and 7.30-10pm. £9.50-£16. (D)

☆ **DANCING AND SHOUTING:** New work by Ian Spink for Second Stride.
Warwick Arts Centre, (0203 417417).

☆ **URBAN BUSH WOMEN:** Group from New York here for the Dance Umbrella season.
Gardner Centre, University of Sussex, Brighton (0273 685861), 7.45pm, £3 and £5. Today and tomorrow only.

WALKS

JEWISH GHETTO ALLEYS & OLD COCKNEY QUARTER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3.

INNS OF COURT — ENGLAND's LEGAL HERITAGE: meet ticket office, Chancery Lane, 11am, £3.

POLITICAL LONDON — GOVERNMENT & PARLIAMENT: meet Embankment tube, 2pm, £3.

ROCK

☆ **RUN DMC/PUBLIC ENEMY:** Run DMC have not been on good form lately, but Public Enemy's *It Takes A Nation Of Millions.....* is dynamite. With Derek B and Pop Will Eat Itself also on the bill this is the hip hop package tour of the year.
Hummingbird, Dale End, Birmingham (021 236 4236) 7.30pm, £7.50.

☆ **NANCI GRIFFITH:** See caption.
Worthing Pavilion, Marine Parade (0903 820500) 8pm, £5.50-£7.50.

★ **CLIFF RICHARD:** The babyish grandfather of English pop on a tour which marks the 30th anniversary of his first hit, "Move It", a chart entry on September 12 1958.
Sheffield City Hall, Barkers Pool (0742 735295) 7.30pm, £9.50-£13.50, for four nights.

☆ **MARC ALMOND:** One of the witter and more literate of the middle generation of pop singers.
Studio, Frogmore Street, Bristol (0272 276193) 8pm, £6.



Nanci Griffith (above), a Texan singer/songwriter from the New Country fold, sings tonight in Worthing (see listing). She successfully combines a soaring, emotional voice with reflective, narrative lyrics. It is no surprise to learn that she is a novelist in her spare time and that her heroine is the magnificent Loretta Lynn. Playing with her four-piece band, the Blue Mood Orchestra, Nanci Griffith represents the softer side of a state too often caricatured as all stetsons and oil tycoons.

OTHER EVENTS

FLOWER SHOW: Autumn fruit and vegetables plus competitions in carnations and bonsai.
Royal Horticultural Society, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, London SW1 (01-834 4333). Today 11am-7pm, tomorrow 10am-5pm, admission today £2.50 tomorrow £1.50.

CHELSEA CRAFTS FAIR: Two hundred exhibitors will show and sell their work over the next two weeks — from bespoke dolls houses and embroidered portraits to jewellery, pottery, woodwork, knitwear and hats. Daily fashion shows.
Chelsea Old Town Hall, Kings Road, London SW3. Today until Oct 23 except Sunday 16, daily 10am-8pm, admission £2.50.

NAIDEX 88: National aids for the disabled and elderly exhibition. Free shuttle service from British Rail station, Alexandra Palace, licensed bar and light refreshments.
The Great Hall and West Hall, Alexandra Palace, London N22 (01-883 6477) Today, tomorrow 10-5.15pm, Thursday 10am-4.30pm, free.

WRITING FOR CHILDREN: Creative writing session with Elizabeth Hawkins, part of the Westminster "Want to be a writer?" festival, for teenagers and adults.
Victoria Library, Westminster (01-798 2189), 5.30pm-7pm free.

SALE OF THE CONTENTS OF OLD HENHAM HALL: Today 10.30am furniture paintings, clocks, porcelain, objects of vertu, tomorrow at 10.30am books and manuscripts.
The Henham Estate Wangford, Beccles, Suffolk (info 050 278 741), today and tomorrow admission by catalogue.

HEREFORD ANTIQUES FAIR: Wide range of mainly pre 1980 antiques for sale.
Green Dragon Hotel, Broad Street, Hereford. Today tomorrow 11am to 8pm, Thursday 11am to 5pm adult £1.50 child 50p.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ARMISTICE FESTIVAL: 70th anniversary of Armistice is celebrated in London and Oxford, featuring work of 33 writers and artists whose lives were cut off in the war, including Rupert Brooke, George Butterworth, Wilfred Owen. Events include opening concert conducted by Yehudi Menuhin; Armistice Day concert at St Martin's in the Fields in honour of St Martin, patron saint of soldiers, on St Martin's Day; Britten's War Requiem to celebrate 75th anniversary of composer's birth; theatre including The Mystery of the Charity of Joan of Arc by Charles Peguy; and exhibition at Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, Nov-Jan. Brochure: 12 Mercer Street, London WC2 (01-379 5045).

FESTIVAL OF SOUND: Annual festival from Ontario comes to London with three concerts, including works by Messiaen and premières of two of his former students, to celebrate composer's 80th birthday. Oct 26-30.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (02-935 2141).

LAST CHANCE

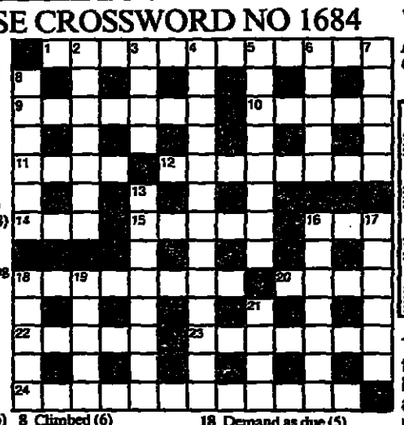
DAS RHEINGOLD: Last performance this season by Royal Opera, in production by Yuri Lyubimov, with Morris, Ekdahl and Wlaschiha, Helga Dernesch. Haitink conducts. English surtitles. Tonight and Thursday.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

HENRY MOORE: Four monumental sculptures. Until Friday.
Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-629 5161).

CANADA NOUVEAU: Celebration of Canadian design, including fashion, furniture, ceramics, visual art and contemporary folk art, carvings and textiles. Ends Saturday.
Liberty, Regent Street, London W1 (01-734 1234).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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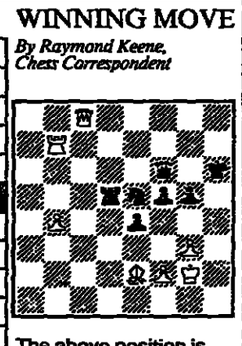
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9 Soft singer (7)
10 Chewed (5)
11 Glass oven (4)
12 Swamp tree (8)
14 East Germany (1,1,1)
15 Weighed down (5)
16 Consume piecemeal (3)
18 Plan secretly together (8)
20 Nil (4)
22 Jordan's only port (5)
23 Moveable personal thing (7)
24 Central control device (12)

DOWN
2 Someone else (7)
3 Armoured combat vehicle (4)
4 Affected manners (4,3,6)
5 Pleasing, charming (8)
6 Snake River state (5)
7 Auxerre department (5)
8 Climbed (6)
13 Falling behind (8)
16 Doubter (7)
17 Folk (6)
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19 Gets close to (5)
21 Surrealist Spanish painter (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1689 (yesterday's crossword)
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Mariotti (White) and Panchenko (Black) played at Las Palmas 1978. White plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1 Bg8

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-921 0920 Tomorrow at 7.30 pm. **LONDON MOZART PLAYERS.** Jane Glover. Kun Woo Paik. Beethoven in Context. Mozart's Symphony No 29; Beethoven Piano Concerto No 2; Haydn Symphony No 104 (London)

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 8800 Tonight at 7.30 pm. The **PHILHARMONIA.** Ladies of the Philharmonia Chorus. Guiseppe Sinopoli. Gil Shaham. Debussy: Nocturnes; Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor; Symphony No 3 (Scottish)

EVENTS

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
6.35 Leon Errol in *Wholesaling Along* (b/w).
6.55 Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Kirsty Wark in the London studio and Jeremy Paxman in Brighton for the Conservative Party Conference. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by **In the Making.** This first of four consecutive daily programmes features the bell-making process at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry (r).
9.25 Conservative Party Conference. The opening session including a debate on inner cities and the speech by the party chairman, Peter Brooke. **News** and weather at **10.00**
10.25 Children's BBC introduced by Andy Crane begins with **Play School** presented by Wayne Jackman and Elizabeth Watts (r). **10.50 Dotsman**
11.00 News and weather followed by **Conservative Party Conference.** Further coverage of the first session's proceedings. The commentators are Sir Robin Day, David Dimbleby and Vivian White. **News** and weather at **12.00**
12.30 Look, Stranger. Portraits of Dave Dawson and Pete Thompson, Somerset steeplejacks (r).
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Scott and Charlene argue with their parents.
1.50 Film: Jupiter's Darling (1955) starring Howard Keel, Esther Williams and George Sanders. Musical on the unlikely theme of Hannibal and the sacking of Rome. Directed by George Sidney.
3.25 Laverne and Shirley. American comedy series starring Penny Marshall and Cindy Williams (r).
3.50 PC Plakerton 3.55 Fireman Sam narrated by John Alderton (r). **4.05 Ratman** with Pamela Stephenson (r). **4.15 Beat the Teacher.** Quiz game presented by Bruno Brookes **4.35 Chegwin Checks It Out.** Keith Chegwin investigates what make people frightened.
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode nine of the 20-part serial (r). (Ceefax) **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Mike Smartt. Weather.
6.35 Reporting Scotland
7.00 Telly Addicts. The Moran family from the north-east of England meet the Hatchers from the Isle of Wight.
7.30 EastEnders. The devious Donna tries to wheedle a favour from Ian; and Wicksy wakes up to the fact that Cindy is spending a lot of time with Ian. (Ceefax)
8.00 Fawlty Towers. Basil panics more than usual when he learns that hotel inspectors are in town (r).
8.30 Double First. Standish takes pity on the ailing William and invites him to stay at Louise and Mary's home, neglecting to inform the ladies of his good deed. Starring Michael Williams. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Mike Smartt. Regional news and weather
9.30 James Clavell's Noble House. The fourth and final episode of the financial drama serial set in Hong Kong. Starring Pierce Brosnan, Deborah Raffin and Ben Masters. (Ceefax)
11.00 The Untouchables (b/w). Eliot Ness and his team do battle with the notorious gangster Jack "Legs" Diamond. Starring Robert Stack and Steven Hill.
11.50 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax.
9.30 Daytime on Two: questions raised by the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative **10.00** Job-training in Austria **10.15** The story of *Badger Girl* **10.40** Investigating science **11.00** Making giant puppets **11.18** Wondermaths **11.35** The lives of a beggar, a spinner and a farm labourer in Tudor England **12.00** Is there life after death? **12.20** Drinking water **12.40** Working in the construction industry **1.00** German for beginners
1.25 King Rollo (r). **1.30 Animal Fair** (r). **1.40 Homeground** (r).
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r).
2.15 Conservative Party Conference. The debates on trade and industry and defence. **News** and weather at **3.00** and **3.50.**
5.30 Gardeners' World (r).
6.00 Film: The Rounders (1960) starring Glenn Ford and Henry Fonda. Comedy western about a pair of penniless horse-busters. Directed by Burt Kennedy.
7.20 Conference Day. Sir Robin Day interviews politicians in Brighton for the first day of the Conservative Party Conference.
7.45 Wildscreen 88. The results from the international wildlife film and television festival, introduced by Anna Ford from the Colston Hall, Bristol; with extracts from the five major awards which are presented by the Duke of Edinburgh.
9.00 Red Dwarf. The final episode of the comedy series. (Ceefax)
9.30 The Mind Machine. Part three of Colin Blakemore's 13-programme series on the workings of the brain examines why some people become addicted to things they crave.
10.20 ScreenPlay Firsts: Facts of Life. An 11-year old girl, obsessed with sex, learns more than she bargained for when her mother strikes up a relationship with her singing teacher. Starring Natalie Robb.
10.55 Newsnight 11.40 Weather
11.45 Nurses. Portraits of mental nurses Vickie and Kevin Carey (r). (Ceefax) Ends at **12.30am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **News** followed by **The Morning Programme,** introduced by Richard Kays and Kathy Rochford; **7.00 News** and **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. **After Nine,** with Jayne Irving, includes a report on London Fashion Week.
9.25 Runway. Travel and general knowledge quiz **9.55 Thames** news and weather
10.00 The Time. . .The Place. Live from London's Cafe Royal actress and now novelist Joan Collins faces questions from a 150-strong, members of the public audience. In the chair is Mike Scott.
10.40 This Morning with Judy Finnegan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition of the magazine series includes, at **11.00,** a discussion on the merits of man-made fibres and natural ones; and at **11.45** a parents' guide to teaching babies and young children to swim. Includes national news at **10.55** and Thames news at **11.55.**
12.10 Rainbow. Learning made entertaining with the help of puppets **12.30 A Country Practice.**
1.00 News at One with Jon Snow **1.20 Thames** news and weather
1.30 Film: Going in Style (1979) starring George Burns, Art Carney and Lee Strasberg. Comedy about three elderly citizens, bored at being unemployable, who decide to show their mettle by planning a bank robbery. Directed by Martin Best **3.25 Thames** news and weather **3.30 The Young Doctors.**
4.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children **4.10 Tube Mice. 4.20 The Sooty Show** presented by Matthew Corbett **4.45 Count Duckula.**
5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart.
6.00 Thames news and weather followed by **Crimestoppers.**
6.25 Help with information for those wanting to rent an allotment
6.30 Prove It. Chris Tarrant meets another selection of Britons who claim they possess a unique talent. Tarrant puts them to the test.
7.00 Strike It Lucky. Quiz game
7.30 Rising Damp. Vintage comedy starring Leonard Rossiter as Rigsby, the racist, rapacious, lusting landlord of a seedy London dwelling tonight borrowing a suit to go to a party without realising the suit belongs to a wrestler who is ignorant of the fact that it has been loaned to Rigsby (r).
8.00 The Bill. This week two of the Sun Hill police officers are on a council estate in order to trap drug dealers who deal openly, accepting cash or stolen goods for their wares. Meanwhile two other officers have to sort out an altercation between two laundromat customers. (Oracle)
8.30 The Return of Shelley. (see Choice)
9.00 Jack the Ripper. (see Choice)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes **10.30 Thames** news and weather
10.35 Jack the Ripper continued
11.30 Superbowl. Action from the Liverpool Victoria Insurance Superbowl.
12.30am The Twilight Zone: Song of the Younger World. A tale of the supernatural
1.00 Donahue. American chat show, tonight on the subject of size
2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: The Enigma of Kasper Hauser** (1974) starring Bruno S. A supernatural tale of a young boy who is found in a trance clutching a prayer book and a letter that asks that the boy be trained as a horseman. Directed by Werner Herzog.
4.00 News headlines followed by **Superstars of Wrestling.**
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Sesame Street.
12.30 Business Daily:
1.00 Tourism: The Welcome Business (r). (Oracle) **1.30 Catering With Care.** Food hygiene (r). (Oracle)
2.00 Film: Don Q, Son of Zorro (1925, b/w) starring Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Astor. Don Cesar is sent to Spain by his father in order to receive a traditional Old World education. When he is there Don Cesar is accused of murder. Directed by Donald Crisp.
4.00 One-Armed Bandit. An animated film about a man and a fruit machine
4.05 Film: City of Gold (1957 b/w). A documentary in which Pierre Berton recalls the heyday of Dawson City — the gold rush town where he was born and bred. Directed by Colin Low and Wolf Koenig
4.30 Fifteen-to-One.
5.00 American Football presented by Mick Luckhurst and John Smith
6.00 The Cosby Show. Domestic comedy series (Oracle)
6.30 Space on Earth. Modern architecture (r).
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen. Weather
8.00 The Stars. The search for dead stars and black holes. (Oracle)
8.30 4 What It's Worth includes the owner of a chain of guest-houses explaining why a mentally handicapped couple received only a £1 in cash when they sold their home; and *Which?* magazine's tests on butter and margarine
9.00 What is Truth? The way science searches for truths about the Universe. (Oracle)
10.00 St Elsewhere. Black comedy series about the patients and staff of a run-down Boston hospital.
11.00 The New Statesman. Comedy series starring Rik Mayall as an unscrupulous politician (r).
11.30 American Football (r).
12.30am Baseball. Highlights of the first week of the Baseball Playoffs
1.30 Beats of the Heart. Reggae music related to Jamaica's social and political realities (r). Ends at **2.30.**

An East End ripping yarn



Whodunnit? Lewis Collins as Detective Sergeant George Godley and Michael Caine as Detective Inspector Abberline investigating the Ripper's East End murders (ITV, 9.00pm)

● Britain's best-known uncaught murderer is once more stalking the dark alleys of the Victorian East End. Who is he (assuming it is a he?) this time: a surgeon, a butcher, a Jekyll-and-Hyde, the Duke of Clarence, an immigrant fresh off the boat or even not one but two people? **Jack the Ripper** (ITV, 9.00pm and 10.35pm) ends up by naming a name. But it will be a long wait, getting on for four hours, and the answer will not be known until a week today. The trouble with dramatizations of the Ripper yarn is that both the facts and the speculations are thoroughly well known. It is becoming increasingly difficult, short of assigning Miss Marple to the case, to bring the story up fresh. Though David Wickes, the writer and director of this latest foray into Ripperland, has been through the evidence and claims to know the Ripper's identity, Ripperologists must remain sceptical. Meanwhile

TELEVISION CHOICE

Inspector Frederick Abberline, played nonchalantly by Michael Caine, comes off the bottle to take the case. He has a tough job on his hands. The Victorian equivalent of the gutter press is hounding the police for incompetence and there is pressure, too, from the Prime Minister, anxious to quell rumours about the East End visits of the Queen's grandson. And there is hardly a worthwhile clue. The show thankfully reduces the murders to off-screen screams but might have done better to give its East End more squalor and menace. Even the prostitutes look almost respectable. The narrative is enlivened by a psychic medium, a ham actor and a raft of familiar faces in supporting roles. But four hours may seem a long stretch.

● After an absence of five years prepare to welcome **The Return of Shelley** (ITV, 8.30pm). It is not always good policy to revive old sitcoms but there are distinguished precedents, notably *The Likely Lads*, and the new *Shelley* gets off to a promising start. Fans of Hywel Bennett's genial slob will recall that last time he was a university drop-out living on social security until finally trapped by work and marriage. Now, the marriage having failed and after a spell abroad teaching English to foreigners, he returns to an alien Britain of money-mad yuppies with their cordless phones and talk of everything being triff, brill and ace. Can the faded Sixties hippy survive this Thatcherite nightmare? The opening episode, at least, suggests that our anti-hero has lost little of his cool cunning and insolent wit.

Peter Waymark

An epitaph for anarchism

RADIO CHOICE



Julie Covington in Lister's Dada and Co (R3, 7.30pm)

● "Dada lives!", a painter cries in ecstasy as he puts his foot through one of his own canvases in Derek Lister's play **Dada and Co** (Radio 3, 7.30pm). It is as useful an encapsulation of the extraordinary artistic movement as anything else in this drama about the nihilists' short life span. The next best thing might have been for someone to quote the Dadaist credo: "Everything the artist spits is art." In fact, there *is* some throat clearing at one point in the play, preparing us for a spitting image. But, in the event, the famous quote is never used. Instead, Lister puts some wholly credible slogans and sentiments into the mouths of his Dadaist pioneers, including Ball, Arp, Tzara and Emma Hennings: "Dynamite the dictionaries!" . . . "Throw literature to the wind!" . . . "Dadaism is the chameleon of rapid and self-interested change" . . . "Dadaism is interested in giving art an enema!" . . . "It was the biggest hatchet job European culture had ever seen". In the play, this latter judgement on the precursors of Surrealism is credited to Arp (Struan Rodger), looking back on the movement's chequered history since it was formed in Zurich in 1916, and it is, indeed, through Arp's eyes that the story unfolds. A good play could have been written about the Dadaists even if they had been presented as a bunch of crackpot artistic anarchists. Lister takes a largely sympathetic view of them, and the result is a very good play. And not only has he eschewed caricature, but he has done something I should not have though achievable: he has made something truly poignant out of the post-Dadaist epiloque in which Arp, Ball (Gerard Murphy, eloquently passionate) and Emmy Hennings (Julie Covington, a shamefully under-used actress) are reunited for a reconciliation between the dead movement and one of its dying disciples, *Dada and Co* has some important complementary music by Stephen Warbeck, and the direction of a play that could easily have degenerated into lunacy is in the safe hands of a veteran of radio drama, Jane Morgan.

Peter Davalle

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-7.00 Wales Today 6.30 Week In Week Out 10.50 Noble House 11.30 Rugby Union (Welsh Counties Under 23 v Western Samoa) 12.00 The Untouchables 12.50am-12.55 News and weather **SCOTLAND:** 10.50am-11.00 Doraman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.45-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.38 Neighbours 6.58-7.00 Inside Ulster Update 11.00 Ballinasloe 11.30 Close **ENGLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:12.35pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Film: The In-Laws 6.00-6.30 About Anglia 12.30am Film: Red Mountains 2.00 America's Top Ten 2.30 Throb 3.00 Quiz Night 3.30 The Outsiders 4.35-5.00 Farming Diary.

BORDER As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Mary 1.20 News 1.30 Superbowl 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.30 Lookaround 12.30am Film: Most Wanted 2.00 America's Top Ten 3.00 Nightbeat 4.05 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

CENTRAL As London except:12.35pm-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30 Film: The Last Snows of Spring 3.15 Magic Magic 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.30 News 7.30-8.00 Top Venture 12.30am Films: Cat and Mouse 2.00 America's Top Ten 2.30 Space 3.30 Vietnam 4.00-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30 Film: Last Snows of Spring 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.30-7.00 Channel Report 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.25am Donahue 2.20 Wanted Dead or Alive 3.05 Night Beat 4.05 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Cover Story.

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TVS As London except:12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30 Film: Last Snows of Spring 3.15 Cartoon 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-6.36 Police 5 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.25am Donahue 1.20 Superbowl 2.00 Wanted Dead or Alive 3.05 Night Beat 4.05 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Cover Story.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Santa Barbara 1.20 Regional News 1.30 Nexus 2.00 Country Practice 3.00 Invitation to Remember (Michael Denison and Dulcie Gray) 6.00-6.30 Northern Life 12.30am Film: Most Wanted 2.00 America's Top 10 2.30 Three's Company 3.02 Night Beat 4.00 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Sons and Daughters 1.20 News 1.30-3.30 Superbowl 6.00-6.30 Six Tonight 12.30am Film: Most Wanted 2.00 America's Top Ten 2.30 Three's Company 3.00 Night Beat 4.05 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.30-1.00pm The Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30 Autumn Garden 2.00 Highway to Heaven 3.00 Who's The Boss? 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.30 Calendar 12.30am Film: Scene of the Crime 2.00 The Concert 3.00 Three's Company 5.30 Music Box 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

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RTE 1 Starts:2.30pm Art in Italy 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 Emmerdale Farm 4.30 The Defenders 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Rapid Roulette 7.30 The Pure Drop 8.00 Commongrass 8.30 Check Up 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.15 Irish Real 11.00 Slap Maxwell 11.30 News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts:2.30pm Bosco 3.00 Super Ted 3.20 Paw Paws 3.45 How Do You Do? 4.05 Fraggle Rock 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.45 Wait Till Your Father Gets Home 5.25 Eureka 6.00 Jo-Maxi 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nauchi 7.30 Glenroe 9.00 Return of Sherlock Holmes 9.00 Cheers 9.30 Bronx Zoo 10.30 Network News 10.50 Nighthawks 11.30 Closedown.

Radio 1

VHF Stereo & **MW** (medium wave)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30am.**
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Mark Goodier **12.30** Newsbeat with Ian Parkinson **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat with Ian Parkinson **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Andy Kershaw **8.30** John Peel **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner.

Radio 2

VHF Stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the hour
4.00am Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Radio Orchestra Show **9.00** The Old Music Master **10.00** The Grumbleweeds **10.30** Strike A British Note **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary 7.30 Language Extra 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.08 Reflections 8.15 Tech Talk 8.30 New Music 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.14 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 English Songsmiths 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Sports International 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Waveguide 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 Outlook, opening with World News 2.45 The Spinners and Friends 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 Omnibus 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News 5.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir: French News Magazine 6.30 Heute Aktuell: German Newsreel 7.00 Programmes in German 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary 8.30 Meridian 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Katherine Mansfield Stories 9.15 Juste Plan Madness 9.30 Latin Americans 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Concert Hall 12.00 World News 12.09 News about Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Omnibus 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Report on Religion 1.45 Country Style 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Lyrics and Lyricists 2.30 Citizens 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Morgenmagazin: German News and Magazine 5.45 848 News 5.55 Financial News 6.00 World News and Twenty-four Hours 6.30 Londres Matin: French News Magazine.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University. Social Sciences: Grapevine
6.55 Weather followed by news headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Mozart: Concert Rondo in A (k 386) (English Chamber Orchestra with Murray Perahia, piano); Ravel: Valses nobles et sentimentales (Montreal Symphony Orchestra under Charles Dutoit); Haydn: Symphony No 94 in G (London Philharmonic Orchestra under Eugen Jochum); Messiaen: The Mystery of the Holy Trinity (Jennifer Bate, organ); Tchaikovsky: Overture to Hamlet (Stadium Symphony Orchestra of New York under Leopold Stokowski)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Handel: Overture to Teseo (English Concert Orchestra under Trevor Pinnock): Te Deum (Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and the Academy of Ancient Music with Emma Kirkby and Judith Nelson, sopranos; Charles Brett, counter-tenor; Rogers Covey-Crump and Paul Elliott, tenors and David Thomas, bass under Simon Preston); Suite No 5 in E (Colin Tilney, harpsichord)
9.35 English Piano Preludes, played by Allan Schiller. Ivor Gurney: Five Preludes; Howard Blake: Nocturne, Rag, Chaconne, Toccatina; Lennox Berkeley: Six Preludes
10.05 Haydn and Schubert Quartets: The Orlando Quartet (John Harding and Heinz Oberdorfer, violins; Ferdinand Erblich, viola and Stefan Metz, cello) play Haydn's Quartet in G, Op 76 No 1; Schubert's Quartet in A minor (D 804)
11.05 Fishguard Festival 1988: From the Fishguard School concert Hall this Summer. The BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, under Tadaaki Otaka, with Michael Roll, piano, and Margaret Marshall, soprano. Mozart: Overture to The Marriage of Figaro; Piano Concerto No 22 in E flat (k 482); Mahler: Symphony No 4 in G
1.00 News
1.05 St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Live from Cardiff, the Albion Ensemble perform Franz Krommer's Partita in F, Op 57 for Wind Ensemble; Beethoven's Wind octet in E flat Op 103; Hummel's Parthia in E flat for wind octet and Beethoven's Rondino in E flat for wind octet
2.05 Claudio Arrau: In the second on three programmes, the Chilean pianist, who is 85 this year, plays Liszt's Piano Concerto No 1 in E flat (London Symphony Orchestra under Colin Davis); Debussy: Estampes: Chopin: Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor Op 11 (West German Radio Symphony Orchestra under Otto Klemperer); Schubert: Piano Soneta in C minor (D 958)
4.05 BBC Singers: Simon Joly conducts the BBC Singers in a performanc of five choral ballads by Coleridge-Taylor with David Owen-Norris at the piano: Beside the Ungathered Rice He Lay; She Dwells by Great Kenhawa's Side; Loud Ha Sang the Psalm of David; The Quadroon Girl; In Dark Fens of the Dismal Swamp (r)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Presented by Jeremy Siepmann
6.30 Songs of the Humpbacked Dragon: First of three programmes presented by John Thornley introducing traditional music from Papua New Guinea: New Ireland — bird dances, love magic and shark-calling
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Writers Talking: Asa Briggs talks to the historian Alistair Horne, author of the offical biography of the late Lord Stockton: *Macmillan 1894-1956*
7.30 Dada and Co: by Derek Lister with Gerard Murphy, Struan Rodger and Julie Covington (see Choice)
8.55 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Tadeusz Baird: Colas Breugnon; Nicholas Maw: Nocturne; Wlodzimierz Kontonski: Wind Rose (BBC SSO led by Geoffrey Trabichoff under Antoni Wit with Ameral Gunson, mezzo-soprano)
10.05 Music from India: Third of nine programmes introduced by Roger Savage. M S Subbulakshmi sings a variety of South Indian ragas with her daughter Radha Viswanathan and an ensemble of percussion
11.00 Composers of the Week: Saint-Saëns: Piano Trio in F; Violin Concerto No 3 in B minor (r)
12.00 News
12.05 Wolf 88: Olaf Bär (baritone) and Geoffrey Parsons (piano) perform An die Geliebte
12.10 Close

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping Forecast.
6.00 News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s).
6.30 Today, including news at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30.** Weather at **6.55** and **7.55. 8.35** Yesterday in Parliament.
8.55 Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats: Charles Gray reads Bustopher Jones: The Cat about Town (s)
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross
10.00 News; Seven Ages of Health: Georgina Ferry looks to the future in the last of her series on health promotion schemes
10.30 Morning Story: Cat Woman by Mike Dorrell. Read by Laurence Allan
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel: Citizens: The Importance of Fooling Ernest
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 Being Human: The One per Cent Advantage: John Gribbin asks how closely man and chimp are related (r)
12.00 News; You And Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Quote... Unquote: Nigel Rees with guests Humphrey Lyttelton, Martin Jarvis, Gemma O'Connor and Dr Stefan Buczacki (s) (r)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One: Presented by James McNaughtie at the Conservative Party Conference in Brighton
1.40 The Archers (r)
1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Woman's Hour: Presented by Jenni Murray: Includes a feature on Gilbert and Sullivan, and the emphasis they placed on women; also an interview with Tessa Soulsby about the Geneva Arms talks and the subject of marriage is looked at by Laurie Graham and Erma Bombeck
3.00 Tuesday Follies: Squatting in a Gold Mine: Play by Steve May with Robert Glenister and Moir Leslie (s)
3.32 Comparing Notes: Richard Baker in conversation with flautists William Bennett and Philippa Davies about life at the top of the musical scale (s)
4.00 News
4.05 The Local Network: Bad Vibrations — a Noise Annoys: Reporters Neil Walker and David Clayton link up with BBC Local Radio stations to investigate noise pollution
4.30 Kaleidoscope
5.00-5.50 PM
5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather.
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: In a new series, David Levy asks if privatization has proved the blessing Mrs Thatcher anticipated
8.00 The Christian Centuries: Brian Redhead continues his exploration of how the message of Christianity was passed down the ages from the time of Constantine to the Renaissance
8.30 Survival of the Daftest: Alun Lewis joins a survival course on Dartmoor
9.15 In Touch: A special edition recorded at the Radio Show. Including the 1988 David Scott Blackhall Award for outstanding services to the visually handicapped
10.00 Kaleidoscope: Natalie Wheen talks to pianist Graham Johnson about his project to record all Schubert's songs. The first record (Hyperion records) has just been released, with Dame Janet Baker singing the words of Goethe and Schiller. Dame Janet Baker and Edward Perry will also be in the studio
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: White Boy Running, by Christopher Hope
10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
11.45 Time to Talk: Harry Soan reflects on 40 years as an occasional broadcaster
12.00-12.30 News and weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Time and Tune (s) **11.20** Time to Move (s) **11.40** Pictures in Your Mind (s)
1.55-3.00pm For Schools: Listening Corner (s) **2.05** History Lost and Found (s) **2.25** Mainstream GCSE (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-time (s) History: GCSE Assignments.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m.



'Energy of stars' a step closer

By Robert Matthews
Technology Correspondent

Scientists working on the European nuclear fusion project near Oxford yesterday announced that they had come closer than ever before to taming the energy source of the stars.

Dr Paul Rebut, director of the Joint European Tourus (Jet) project, said results to be presented at an international scientific conference next week would show that the project's machine had been operated at conditions closer to those needed to ignite nuclear fusion reactions that power the sun and the stars than any other experiment.

For decades scientists in Europe, America, Russia and Japan have investigated ways of triggering nuclear fusion reactions which promise to provide a source of virtually limitless power from fuel derived from sea-water.

Jet was set up 10 years ago as a European collaboration to investigate the possibility of generating such reactions in a man-made magnetic "bottle" which grips the 100 million C mixture of particles or "plasma" at the heart of the process.

To achieve ignition, scientists have to find a way of holding this plasma at a high enough density and temperature for long enough to keep the reactions going without outside help.

The Jet machine at Culham, Oxfordshire, is now closer than any other machine to achieving the right conditions to achieve such ignition.

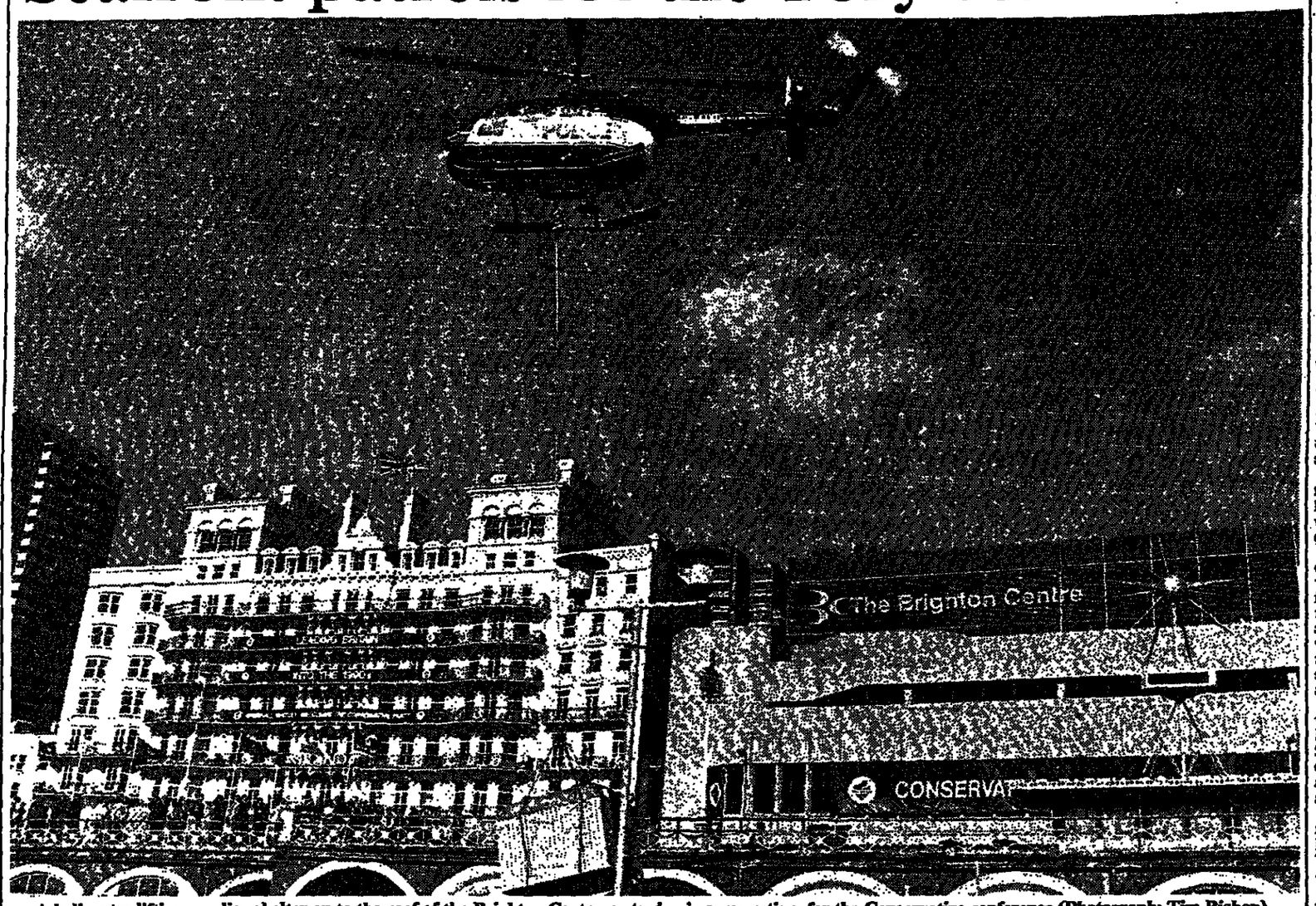
In one experiment the machine was operated at a temperature of 200 million C and was able to hold onto the energy pumped into it for about a third of a second. Other experiments have shown that the machine is capable of achieving all the conditions needed for fusion reactions to take place.

Scientists on the project are becoming increasingly confident the machine will be able to beat the rest of the world in the race to achieve "break even", in which the amount of energy pumped into the machine equals the amount produced by the reactions inside. This is an important step towards ignition and should be achieved within the next five years.

Despite the jubilation, a cloud hangs over British involvement in fusion research. A Cabinet science review committee investigating Britain's contribution is expected to give some indication of its conclusions by the end of the year.

It seems certain the committee will support Britain's continued funding of the project until it ends in 1993. But British scientists, who make up half the team on the project, and the adjacent UK Atomic Energy Authority Research Centre at Culham, fear that British fusion research may effectively end after Jet.

Seafront patrols for the Tory conference



A helicopter lifting a police shelter on to the roof of the Brighton Centre yesterday in preparation, for the Conservative conference (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

A unit of the Special Boat Squadron, the marine version of the SAS, yesterday began patrolling the shoreline off Brighton in a lightweight 56mph speedboat as the security operation to protect the Conservative Party Conference moved into top gear.

The SBS is drawn from the most expert members of the Royal Marine commandos and their operations normally include fast seaborne raids and the security of the oil platforms in the North Sea. The unit arrived in Brighton over the weekend to reconnoitre and yesterday began patrols off the beach directly in front of the conference site with a policeman on board their craft.

The role of the unit is to provide a fast response to any attack launched from the sea or further down the coast which evades other security checks, including two police helicopters circling the town throughout the day. The SBS men are adept at boarding raids, marine warfare and underwater work.

Yesterday they worked in liason with HMS Nurton, a Royal Navy minesweeper, which took up station yesterday about half a mile from the beach directly in front of the Grand Hotel where the IRA mounted its attack in 1984.

Throughout the day the minesweeper rode at anchor ,its radar sweeping the sea approaches.

Above the ship one of the police helicopters ferried officers trained to search for explosives and arms on and off Brighton's derelict second pier during the day. The second helicopter equipped with infra red night sight equipment is expected to patrol at night.

Outside the Grand Hotel itself , where Mrs Margaret Thatcher and a number of senior Ministers will stay during the conference, a ring of discreetly armed police officers took up station hours before she was due to arrive.

The officers, part of the Sussex force's firearms unit, worked in pairs, carrying their guns under their coats. Their weapons included Heckler and Koch MP5 carbines — hung on leads from their shoulders — and hand guns.

Other armed officers in plain clothes mingled with guests inside the hotel or stood guard among crowds along the seafront. Sussex police have also posted unarmed uniformed and plainclothes officers in lobby and corridors of the hotel throughout the conference.

Above them yesterday on the conference centre a unit of police sharpshooters in distinctive blue berets or baseball caps scanned the surrounding roads and streets with high-powered binoculars.

Anyone arousing suspicion was stopped and asked for identification by officers below.

The hotel, the conference centre and an entertainments complex used for fringe meetings , will be surrounded by a low wall of concrete blocks throughout the conference.

Satellite television guarantees advert rate

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choice of information and entertainment."

Speaking later about programme content on the four satellite channels, he said: "You can have both quality and popularity — and that is what we are going to aim for."

Sky Television's advertising proposals were welcomed last night by the industry, which has been campaigning against the high costs charged by independent television companies.

Mr Ken Miles, director of the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers, said: "Sky will receive a lot of attention and interest from advertisers and agencies.

"Provided they get some reasonable targeting, I think a lot of agencies and advertisers will experiment with the channels."

Mr Mike Whittington, director of sales at Sky Television, said the launch of the four channels next year would mean programming output available to British viewers would double from that currently provided by terrestial stations, and advertising airtime would treble.

Sky Movies and Sky Television News will be beamed into the UK and Ireland while Sky Channel, offering general entertainment programmes, and Eurosport will also be available in Europe.

Mr Whittington expects 2.5 million homes in the UK and Ireland to be receiving Sky Television by the end of 1989 — more than that achieved in 10 of the existing independent television regions. By January 1992, the audience could grow to six million homes, or 25 per cent of the market.

Sky Channel is currently available on cable in 13 million European homes. By 1992, the total audience for the available channels is likely to be 24 million. About £20 million will be spent advertising and promoting Sky Television in Britain and Ireland.

Sky would offer "unbeatable value for money" to advertisers because it believed advertisers had been "badly served by the monopolistic IBA stations", the company said.

"Sky Television will guarantee to undercut ITV costs per thousand viewers by at least 25 per cent across all target groups.

"If in any quarter an advertiser can demonstrate we have not delivered at least a 25 per cent cost-advantage over ITV, we will run free airtime in the next quarter until the target cost per thousand is met — and that is a guarantee."

The decision to charge viewers for programmes on at least one channel from July will mean programmes will have to be scrambled and viewers will need a special decoder, costing about £50, to receive pictures.

Mr Jim Styles, managing director of Sky Television, said the company was still deciding whether to charge viewers for the decoder, to give it away free, or charge a rental fee from July.

Czechoslovak prime minister resigns

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Prague said Mr Strougal's resignation reflected the leadership's fears that the reform process could run out of control and bring a rerun of the 1968 "Prague Spring".

Observers believe that the shake-up may be a rearguard action by hardliners in the Government dissatisfied with Mr Strougal's open flirtation with *perestroika*.

Mr Strougal, aged 63, who had headed the Federal Government for more than 18 years, was not a radical reformer, but may nevertheless have grown impatient with the rate of progress.

The announcement of his resignation was made by Mr Milos Jakes, the Communist Party General Secretary, in a speech at a plenary session of the Central Committee. He also announced changes in the Politburo, the party secretariat, the Central Committee itself and the Federal, Czech and Slovak governments.

Mr Jakes was reported as saying that the proposed changes, "proceed from the need for a new deployment of leading cadres in the interest of mastering the demanding tasks of economic and social restructuring."

Although there has been some speculation that the resignation of the Czech and Slovak prime ministers may have been fuelled by some corruption scandal which is about to become public, it remains unlikely that such an experienced and revered figure as Mr Strougal would have been so foolish as to involve himself in a scandal.

For many years, while President Husak kept the country frozen in a pre-*glasnost* inertia, the only sign of reform came from Mr Strougal.

After President Gorbachov's visit, it seemed likely that he would become President Husak's successor. The fact that he did not, did not rule out that his career would end with him becoming Czechoslovakia's leader, because Mr Jakes seems so to loathe to embrace reform that many are beginning to see him only as a stop-gap leader.

In the past year, since Mr Jakes took over the reigns of government, there has been no weakening of the old guard in Prague, despite a certain amount of lip service to *glasnost* and *perestroika*.

It may well be that these forces have succeeded in discrediting one of the more open-minded of their opponents and have forced Mr Strougal to resign. By Czechoslovak standards, he could have been expected, at his age, to exert influence for at least another decade.

Whatever hopes the removal of Dr Husak as party secretary had given rise to, it has become clear that Czechoslovakia is the slowest to embrace *glasnost*.

Outspoken nuns want Pope to ban Disney

From Charles Bremner, New York

A defiant Sister John, who has broken her vow of silence in order to speak on behalf of herself and four other members of the Carmelite order, yesterday vowed to fight on until Walt Disney is banished from their Monastery of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel.

That is not the plot from a silly sitcom. Amid the frenzy of the greater New York conurbation, five Carmelite nuns have been protesting against their prioress.

They have locked themselves in the infirmary and appealed for mediation to the Pope and Mother Teresa.

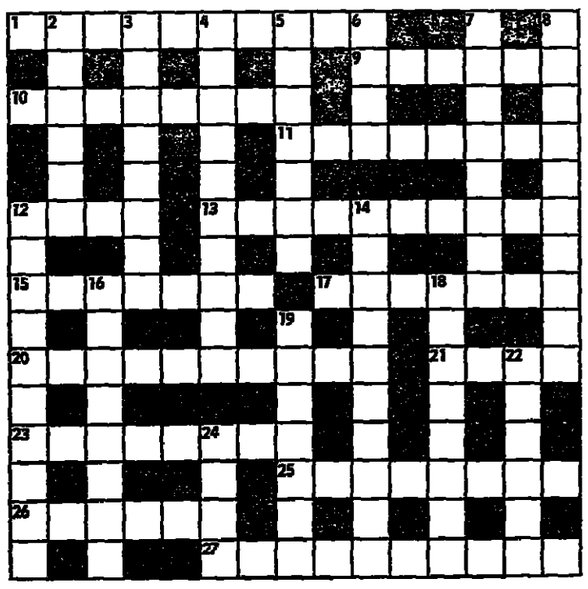
Until the arrival of Mother Theresa Hewitt last year, the Monastery shunned the outside for a life of solitude, silence and contemplation.

This ended when the prioress decided to install a television set, a video-recorder with Walt Disney and other tapes, and a stereo system.

"Not one aspect of our life has been left intact," said Sister John, aged 28.

Sister John, devoted to the order's 16th century founder, St Teresa of Avila, said the nuns were confident that the Pope would intercede.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,797



ACROSS

1 No such coups can be pulled off by deception (5-5).
9 The language when he took to drink! (6).
10 German song verse, first to be covered by interdict (8).
11 Platter found in deep furrow by king (8).
12 Periodic outlay causing a breach (4).
13 Champion tutor's general education (10).
15 Vehicle carrying male theologian to a Somerset village (7).
17 Rancour upset one building a ship (7).
20 Revolution moves at a steady pace — my king is overthrown (10).
21 Except in Kent the Bible is in evidence (4).
23 Originally the richest market for fish (8).
25 Turn away a boy returning before tea break (8).
26 They produce oil and dwell among leaders of OPEC states (6).
27 Sees, for example, Swedish singer in state capital (10).

DOWN

2 Round fireplace of a reddish yellow colour (6).
3 Unmitigated disaster, with a bad tune! (8).
4 Flat place to deposit about a pound (5-5).
5 Business acquaintance is right, abandoning deal (7).
6 Eg Oxford woman accepting ring (4).
7 One member of the nobility, or a noted trio? (8).
8 A measure endangering inferior members, perhaps (5-5).
12 Turned out in a trice to rehearsal (10).
14 Philologist, a married woman, is taken in by a relative (10).
16 Oriental comedian keeps acting — it's profitable (8).
18 One with a radio set scrambled on board ship (8).
19 Dash smartly up to "Dog and Duck" (7).
22 A couple of fellows making a sacrifice (6).
24 Speech defect — sound initially trapped in cheek (4).

Concise crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

EXOLETE
a. Out-of-date
b. To destroy utterly
c. Oiled or metnoms

SCAPE
a. Trouble, a pickle
b. To shave or scrape
c. The shaft of a column

FEAK
a. To wipe the beak
b. To forage for fodder
c. A stook of corn in Shetland

FRONTAL
a. The apron of a chasuble
b. The apophyge of a Doric column
c. Candid, open, direct

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,796

C	O	M	E	R	O	U	N	D		C	H	I	M	F
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WEATHER

Low in south-west approaches expected to track north-east across southern England. Rain and strong south-easterly winds affecting southern and south-western areas at first will gradually extend north-eastwards to affect remaining areas of the UK. Outlook: Brighter showery conditions over south-western parts gradually extending north-east.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Majorca	25	77	s
Alex'dria	25	77	f	Malta	25	77	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Melbourne	17	63	r
Amst'dm	13	55	s	Mexico C*	19	66	s
Athens	23	73	s	Milan*	28	82	f
Barbuda*	29	84	f	Milan	15	59	c
Barcelna	25	77	s	Montreal*	7	45	c
Belgrade	23	73	s	Moscow	16	59	s
Berlin	15	59	c	Nairobi	29	84	f
Bermuda*	21	70	r	Naples	23	73	s
Biarritz	14	57	c	N Delhi	29	84	s
Borde'x	14	57	c	N York*	13	55	s
Brussels	12	54	f	Nice	22	72	f
B Aires*	19	66	s	Paris	15	59	s
Cairo	29	84	f	Peking	25	77	f
Cape Tn	16	61	f	Perth	20	68	c
Chicago*	14	57	f	Prague	14	57	f
Ch'church	20	68	f	Rhodes	22	72	s
C'phagn	14	57	f	Rio de J	22	72	c
Corfu	23	73	s	Riyadh	37	99	s
Dublin	11	52	s	Rome	23	73	s
Faro	23	73	s	Salzburg	16	64	f
Florence	20	68	f	S Prisco*	19	66	s
Frankfurt	14	57	s	S Paulo*	27	81	f
Geneva	12	54	c	Seoul	24	75	s
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Sing'por	31	88	s
Helsinki	11	52	c	St'kholm	11	52	c
Hong K	27	81	f	Strasb'rg	14	57	f
Innsbruck	14	57	f	Sydney	22	72	s
Istanbul	18	64	f	Tangier	24	75	s
Jeddah	32	90	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Jo'burg*	27	81	f	Tokyo	23	73	s
Karachi	31	88	s	Toronto*	9	48	c
L Palmas	25	77	s	Tunis	31	88	s
Lisbon	18	64	c	Vanc'ver*	11	52	c
Locarno	14	57	r	Venice	20	68	s
L Angels*	33	91	s	Vienna	13	55	f
Luxemb'g	10	50	f	Wash'ton*	17	63	s
Luxor	34	93	s	Wel'ton	14	57	f
Madrid	22	72	f	Zurich	10	50	r

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	5.6	.01	13	55	sunny
Bridlington	3.8	-	14	57	cloudy
Hornsea	0.8	.24	13	55	shower
Lowestoft	-	.36	12	54	rain
Clacton	0.1	.79	13	55	hail
Southend	0.2	.52	14	57	rain
Folkestone	-	1.03	15	59	rain
Hastings	-	1.02	15	59	rain
Brighton	-	1.47	14	57	rain
Worthing	0.1	1.28	15	59	rain
Littlehmpton	0.2	1.22	14	57	rain
Southsea	1.2	1.10	15	59	rain
Seadown	0.8	1.82	15	59	cloudy
Bournemth	1.3	1.64	15	59	rain
Poole	1.4	.71	14	57	rain
Swanage	1.0	1.88	15	59	shower
Exmouth	2.4	.97	15	59	bright
Teignmouth	4.0	1.10	15	59	sunny
Torquay		1.15	15	59	shower
Paignton	5.9	1.42	15	59	thundr
Scilly Isles	5.2	1.26	15	59	hail
Newquay	3.9	1.23	15	59	bright
Minehead	4.1	.66	15	59	shower
Morecambe	4.3	.18	12	54	sunny
Douglas	5.7	-	11	52	bright
Buxton	3.0	.15	11	52	shower
Carlisle	7.5	.02	12	54	bright
Leeds	4.7	-	13	55	sunny
Nottingham	2.2	.07	14	57	rain
Anglesey	0.1	.18	10	50	rain
Aberdeen	0.1	.40	10	50	rain
Aviemore	0.1	.80	8	46	rain
Eskdalemuir	5.4	.38	10	50	shower
Kinloss		.22	10	50	rain
Larkhill	3.4	.38	9	48	shower
Stornoway	0.7	.85	9	48	shower
Tiree	-	.24	9	48	shower
Wick	0.9	.43	10	50	shower

* Denotes figures not available
These are Sunday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.58	6.9	3.06	6.9
Aberdeen	2.05	4.2	2.34	4.1
Avonmouth	8.21	12.6	8.31	12.8
Belfast	—	—	12.06	3.1
Cardiff	8.06	11.7	8.15	11.9
Devonport	6.57	5.4	7.09	5.4
Dover	—	—	12.06	6.6
Falmouth	6.27	5.2	6.39	5.2
Glasgow	1.40	4.6	2.15	4.2
Harwich	12.49	3.9	12.58	4.0
Holyhead	11.20	5.3	11.39	5.5
Hull	7.18	7.4	7.39	7.9
Ilfracombe	7.00	8.9	7.12	9.0
Leith	3.30	5.3	3.52	5.3
Liverpool	12.04	9.2	12.19	9.1
Lowestoft	10.24	2.5	11.04	2.3
Margate	1.03	4.6	1.03	4.7
Milford Haven	7.17	6.8	7.29	6.9
Newquay	6.07	6.6	6.19	6.6
Oban	6.53	3.9	6.50	4.1
Perzance	5.52	5.5	6.05	5.5
Portland	8.15	2.2	8.17	2.2
Portsmouth	12.17	4.5	12.34	4.6
Shoreham	12.01	5.9	12.17	6.0
Southampton	—	—	12.04	4.5
Swansea	7.24	9.3	7.35	9.3
Tees	4.31	5.3	4.53	5.3
W'ton-on-Nze	12.42	4.2	12.50	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are BST

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.29
Austria Sch	23.20	21.80
Belgium Fr	69.85	66.36
Canada $	2.143	2.033
Denmark Kr	12.61	12.01
Finland Mkk	7.80	7.40
France Fr	11.28	10.60
Germany Dm	3.275	3.095
Greece Dr	285	250
Hong Kong $	13.85	13.19
Ireland Pt	1.229	1.169
Italy Lire	2460	2330
Japan Yen	241	225
Netherlands Gld	3.71	3.51
Norway Kr	12.15	11.55
Portugal Esc	270.50	256.50
South Africa Rd	4.60	4.00
Spain Pta	217	206
Sweden Kr	11.13	10.71
Switzerland Fr	2.795	2.635
USA $	1.79	1.79
Yugoslavia Dnr	5700	4900

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

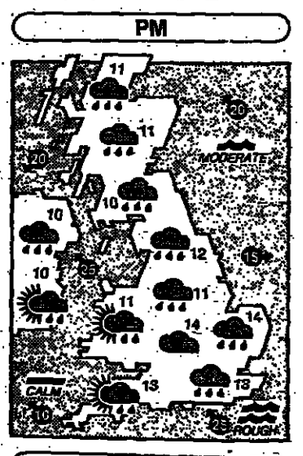
Retail Price Index: 107.9 (August)

London: The FT Index: closed down 0.1 at 1490.3.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.46 pm to 6.50 am
Bristol 6.55 pm to 6.59 am
Edinburgh 6.52 pm to 7.08 am
Manchester 6.52 pm to 7.01 am
Penzance 7.09 pm to 7.10 am

Sun rises: 7.18 am
Sun sets: 6.16 pm
Moon rises 8.00 am
Moon sets 8.02 pm
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TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at 10am today.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am,7C (45F) Humidity: 6 pm, 51 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.16in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 9.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1012.9 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	s	Guernsey	12	54	s
Birmgham	10	50	f	Inverness	9	48	s
Blackpool	11	52	f	Jersey	13	55	f
Bristol	12	54	s	London	13	55	f
Cardiff	13	55	s	Manchester	9	48	c
Edinburgh	10	50	s	Newcastle	10	50	f
Glasgow	11	52	s	St'ndinway	11	52	s

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highlands, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Shanklin, Isle of Wight, 1.75in; highest sunshine: Carlisle, Cumbria 7.5hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am,5C (41F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24-hr to 6 pm, 1.1hr.

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1490.3 (–0.1)	US dollar 1.7125 (+0.0150)
FT-SE 100 1844.1 (–0.6)	W German mark 3.1775 (+0.0210)
USM (Datastream) 161.32 (+0.25)	Trade-weighted 76.3 (+0.4)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Travis still favours Sandell bid

Travis & Arnold, the builders' merchant, has continued to reject Meyer International's £212 million bid for the company in preference for a £149 million offer from Sandell Perkins, which would lead to the agreed merger of the two companies.

Sandell has a 43 per cent interest in Travis' equity which includes a 38 per cent stake from Travis' directors and their associates. Meyer International has a 29 per cent shareholding in Travis & Arnold.

The first closing date for Sandell's offer is at 3pm today, but an extention should not be ruled out. Tempus, page 26

Carless stake

Kelt Energy, an independent oil and gas group, is considering making an offer of about 115p to 120p a share for Carless, the oil exploration company, after paying 107p a share for just over 1 per cent of Carless. The bid would depend on Carless shareholders rejecting a proposed merger with Ryan International, the coal mining company.

Opposition hardened, page 27

Granada sale

Granada, the television to retailing group, has sold its 19.9 per cent stake in Superchannel, the satellite broadcasting operation, for £130,000 to Mr Richard Branson's Virgin group and TVS Entertainment.

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2151.85 (+1.60)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average ..... Closed
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2566.42 (+87.55)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 281.5 (+4.1)
Sydney: AO ..... 1535.2 (+10.1)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1802.8 (+20.6)
Brussels:
General ..... 5338.7 (+12.5)
Paris: CAC ..... 384.9 (+2.3)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 492.7 (+4.0)
London:
FT–A All-Share ..... 958.44 (+0.17)
FT–"500" ..... 1042.86 (+0.35)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 177.3 (+1.4)
FT. Fixed Interest ..... 97.01 (+0.14)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 89.02 (+0.28)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Redland ..... 440p (+11p)
Domino ..... 220p (+10p)
Young 'A' ..... 519p (+15p)
Microfilm Repro ..... 327½p (+10p)
J Mowlem ..... 386½p (+9p)
Allied Lyons ..... 470½p (+8p)
G Wimpey ..... 269½p (+11½p)
Bank of Ireland ..... 282½p (+8p)
Invergordon Dist ..... 353p (+7p)
William Cook ..... 210p (+10p)
Bridon ..... 175p (+14p)
FALLS:
Davies & Newman ..... 615p (–10p)
Keep Trust ..... 352½p (–10p)
Aurora ..... 128½p (–12p)
Underwoods ..... 83p (–5p)
Sound Diffusion ..... 20p (–6p)
House of Lerose ..... 173p (–7p)
Tie Rack ..... 78½p (–6p)
Closing prices
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 11 15/16-11 13/16%
3-month eligible bills: 11 29/32-11 31/32% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds Closed
3-month Treasury Bills Closed
30-year bonds 103 1/32-103 1/4*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7125	£: $1.7125
£: DM3.1775	$: DM1.8540
£: SwFr2.6963	$: SwFr1.5747
£: FFr10.8230	$: FFr6.3242
£: Yen226.22	$: Yen132.15
£: Index76.3	$: Index98.3
ECU £0.653836	SDR £0.764608

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $408.25 pm-$408.75
close $408.75-407.25 (£237.50-238.00)
New York:
Comex $408.70-409.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov) pm $12.00bbl ($11.48)
* Denotes latest trading price

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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: in an active engineering sector, Bridon (01806) gained 14p on revived speculative support; bid hopes put William Cook (01159) 10p higher while Downbrae Holdings was (02542) 5p higher, but Aurora (01953) tumbled 11p on the absence of bid developments; favourable comment lifted TV stocks, with Yorkshire TV (03182) surging 19p and Tyne Tees A (01423) rising 24p.

● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

Agnew told to 'put up or shut up'

Minorco threatens Newmont sell-off

● Minorco will sell the Newmont Mining stake held by Consolidated Goldfields if its bid for ConsGold succeeds. With other disposals, it would effectively mean the break-up of the UK mining company.

● ARC, ConsGold's aggregates and asphalt subsidiary, fears its business would be damaged, especially in the US, where it supplies states with rules on companies with South African links.

● Minorco would be blocked from taking over ConsGold's stakes in two goldfields in Papua New Guinea. The Papua prime minister said a "racist regime" would not benefit from "our rich resources."

By Colin Campbell

Sir Michael Edwardes, chief executive of Minorco, yesterday brought his battle for Consolidated Gold Fields into the open by challenging Mr Rudolph Agnew, the ConsGold chairman, to disenfranchise the alleged mystery 4 per cent stake of which ConsGold has made so much.

"Mr Agnew should put up or shut up," Sir Michael declared.

Minorco would plough back the potential millions realized from a Newmont and a GFSA sale into ARC and Gold Fields Mining Corporation, in Britain and America respectively, increasing job opportunities in both countries, Sir Michael said.

It had been hoped that Minorco would be able to work with Newmont on joint ventures, even though the Newmont holding would remain a passive investment. It had also been hoped that by taking over ConsGold the treasure chests of both companies would be opened.

Sir Michael said the situation had changed to the point that if Newmont was not prepared to talk or work with Minorco, the stake would be sold.

On present market prices the 49 per cent stake would reap about £760 million, equivalent to 356p a ConsGold share. Adding in a premium for the strategic stake that such a holding would entail, analysts estimate the sale would reap £909 million, equivalent to 427p a ConsGold share.

In London, the Anti-Apartheid Movement delivered a report to Lord Young, Trade and Industry Secretary, on the activities of Anglo American as "one of a number of initiatives the AAM is taking to block the bid." The movement said it had evidence that Minorco was nothing more than a Trojan horse for South African interests seeking to increase their considerable influence in Britain.

Minorco has already declared it would sell ConsGold's 38 per cent stake in Gold Fields of South Africa.

Mr Agnew said: "Minorco's ill-judged bid for ConsGold would lead to the virtual dismemberment of a very successful British company.

"As Minorco has had to admit, it would be forced to sell Newmont. This is in addition to the forced divestment of the Porgera gold project at the insistence of the PNG government.

"As they have already planned to sell GFSA, you can see what damage they would wreak," he said.

Sir Michael denied that the Newmont plan was changed was made out of pique.

"But when people write to the President of the United States they are giving more of a message to us than to Mr Reagan," he said.

In calling for the disenfranchisement of the mystery 4 per cent stake, Sir Michael said he thought he was doing ConsGold a favour.

Such action would mean the freezing of the asset, so the owner would be forced to disclose himself.

ConsGold's attitude last night was that it would welcome any help in identifying the mystery holders.



No sign of falling demand: John Beckwith of LET yesterday (Photograph: Marc Aspland)

LET builds up £22m profit

By Cliff Feltham

London & Edinburgh Trust, the property company run by Mr John Beckwith and his brother Peter, yesterday reported pre-tax profits up 43 per cent to £22.2 million in the first half of this year. The interim dividend rises by 100 per cent to 1.5p a share. Analysts believe LET should make at least £46 million profits for the current year.

Mr John Beckwith, chairman, said there was no sign yet that the rise in interest rates was going to dampen demand for retail space in the high street. "Rents may not go up to the same extent as they have but a lot of new retailers are arriving on the scene with new ideas looking for shops and I feel sure they will take up any slack in the market," he said.

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Tie-up 'would damage ARC'

By Our City Staff

The future of Consolidated Gold Fields' ARC subsidiary in the event of a successful takeover by Minorco is in considerable doubt. ARC is the largest aggregate producer in Britain and the second largest stone covering and asphalt producer. In the United States its Hydro-conduit subsidiary is the largest concrete pipe producer in the world. The ARC group is the fifth largest aggregate producer in the world.

Mr Keith Orrell-Jones, the chief executive of ARC, said: "I can see nothing but damage to ARC business as a result of South African control. We have already had a tough task in the past few years explaining to customers, particularly local authorities, that ConsGold's involvement in South Africa is merely that of an investor and that we are a UK company.

"We have had a great deal of success in getting that message across here and in the US, but there is a vast difference between being a company with investments in South Africa and being an SA-controlled company.

"My experience of the last two to three years leads me to no other conclusion than that there would be damage to ARC's business. Some customers would actually cease to buy from us.

"The situation in the States is fraught with even more dangers. A very substantial part of our Hydroconduits business is currently done with cities or states which have passed ordinances concerning business links with South Africa."

It is believed that Minorco is not unaware of the potential problem, and analysts point out that according to the 1986 merger-that-never-was it was suggested that ARC would be floated off as an independent company. But Mr Orrell-Jones said that without the support of a company like ConsGold it would have been very difficult for ARC to afford the investment in reserves.

Papua rules out SA mining links

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Renison Goldfields Consolidated (RGC), the Australian mining group, would not be allowed to mine in Papua New Guinea should the takeover bid for Consolidated Gold Fields succeed, Mr Rabbie Namaliu, the Prime Minister, said yesterday.

Minorco, the Luxembourg arm of Anglo American of South Africa, is bidding £2.9 billion for ConsGold.

"We cannot allow the apartheid regime to benefit from our rich resources," Mr Namaliu said. "We have international obligations and national laws that prohibit us from entering into trade and investment agreements with South Africa and South African multinationals."

RGC, which is 49 per cent owned by ConsGold, has a third interest in the Aus$750 million (£352 million) Porgera gold project in the Central Highlands in Papua New Guinea, and is the sole owner of the WAU-Bulolo gold field.

If Minorco succeeds, the Anglo American group would own half of the latter and 16.5 per cent of the former.

"This is totally unacceptable," Mr Namaliu said. "And if the takeover goes ahead, we shall force RGC to divest of its interests in Papua New Guinea. Papua will not be party to any racist regime that has for so long supressed a vast majority of the population."

Mr Campbell Anderson, the RGC chief executive, said he understood Mr Namaliu's opposition to the South African government, but he did not believe Minorco's bid would succeed. "If it does, we will have to sit down with Mr Namaliu about our investment."

Mr Namaliu said his government would seek more information on the proposed takeover from the other Porgera partners, Placer (PNG) and Highlands Gold, a subsidiary of the Queensland miner MIM.

Porgera is one of the world's largest gold projects. It has an annual projected production of 800,000 ounces in its first six years.

Pound rises 1.5 cents after Lawson's firm line on rates

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound rose strongly yesterday on the Chancellor of the Exchequer's weekend commitment to raise interest rates if sterling weakens.

Dealers saw Mr Lawson's remarks as setting a floor for the pound and it benefited from renewed demand, despite trade worries. It closed 1.5 cents up at $1.7125, and gained 2.1 pfennigs to DM3.1775. The sterling index rose by 0.4 points to 76.3.

"The Chancellor's interview registered the fact that we are not in an environment where rates are going to fall," said Mr Peter Fellner, economist at James Capel, the broker.

"People feel temporarily that sterling is a one-way bet but I don't think it is necessarily the start of a major bull run for the pound," said Mr David Morrison, chief international economist at Goldman Sachs, the broker.

Producer price statistics released yesterday showed an 0.4 per cent rise in manufacturing industry's output prices last month, to bring the 12-month increase up to 5 per cent, from August's 4.9 per cent. The latest 12-month increase was the highest since December 1985, but Department of Trade and Industry officials said the rise was mainly due to higher prices in the food, drink and tobacco industries.

There was better news on input prices, which fell by 0.9 per cent last month, the second successive monthly fall. The fall, as in August, was largely due to lower metals prices, and came before the recent weakness in oil prices.

Part of the reason for sterling's strength has been the absence of trade deficit information, with the September figures due on October 27.

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Pilgrim House to change hands for £330m

Williams bid agreed

By Michael Clark
Stock Market Correspondent

Williams Holdings yesterday confirmed recent stock market speculation by launching an agreed £330 million bid for Pilgrim House, the electrical, electronic and fire protection group.

The fast-growing industrial conglomerate, built up by Mr Nigel Rudd and Mr Brian McGowan, is offering 25 new cumulative convertible redeemable preference shares, valued at 106p, for every 10 ordinary Pilgrim shares.

The deal values each Pilgrim share at 265p. There is also a partial cash offer of 21 convertible preference shares and 424p in cash.

The Pilgrim share price responded to the news with a leap of 55p to 255p, while Williams fell 6p to 276p.

Mr McGowan, managing director of Williams, said the acquisition was needed to restore the group's balance. He was adamant there would be no dilution of earnings in 1989. "Our aim was to obtain a good mix between consumer and building products with good brand names and the industrial and military markets. But, recently, the balance has swung too far one way".

"Pilgrim has got some nice businesses on which we can build on around the world by way of acquisitions. It also means we end up with larger earnings in North America, which is something we have aimed for."

Williams intends to pursue the acquisition of Kidde Fire Protection.

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Williams set for £330m Pilgrim buy

By Michael Clark, Stock Market Correspondent

Williams Holdings, the [illegible] 49 per House was the week of a [illegible] agreed [illegible]

From The Times yesterday

Coal lifts Trig stake to 71.2%

By Lawrence Lever

The British Coal Board Pension Funds have bought a further 4.7 per cent of TR Industrial and General, taking their holding to 71.2 per cent of the £614 million investment trust managed by Touche Remnant.

The Coal Board, which has declared its bid for the trust unconditional, is not saying whether it intends to take over the trust's management. This will depend on how much of Trig it eventually owns.

Until it has bought as many shares as it can, the Coal Board may avoid a principals' meeting with Trig. It is not allowed to bid more than 129.5p for each Trig share without raising its offer.

If it takes over the management of Trig, the Coal Board will have to pay compensation to Touche Remnant of up to two years' management fees.

Young poised for action over Clowes

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Lord Young of Graffham, the Trade and Industry Secretary, is expected to announce his course of action over the inquiry into his Department's handling of the Barlow Clowes affair next week.

His statement is likely to be made on October 20, the day after the House of Commons returns from the summer recess, and should cover the report by Sir Godfray Le Quesne and the Government's response.

Westminster sources say the 150-page report concludes that the DTI must bear some blame for the Barlow Clowes affair, in particular the decision to renew the licence of the collapsed investment firm last year when a departmental investigation was under way.

This investigation led ultimately to the closure of Barlow Clowes this year.

Although compensation for some of the 18,000 investors has not been ruled out, particularly for those who invested their savings recently, it is expected to be extremely limited, if offered at all.

The Government is not expected to make a general offer of compensation to investors in Barlow Clowes International, the Gibraltar division of the firm, where the biggest losses – of about £100 million – occurred.

Downing Street confirmed that Mrs Thatcher was being kept informed on the issue and was aware of the contents of the report by Sir Godfray, the former chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Both Mrs Thatcher and Lord Young are said to be "deeply moved" by the plight of the thousands of small investors who put their all their life savings in Barlow Clowes. They are also aware of the political repercussions of a refusal not to take action to ensure investors recoup as much of their savings as possible if the DTI is found to be at fault.

Government sources denied speculation yesterday that a decision had been made to repay £20 million, and pointed out the danger of setting a precedent by paying compensation to BCI investors.

BCI investors and lawyers acting on their behalf have argued that the Government must take the blame for the collapse of the Gibraltar division. They claim that if the DTI had refused Barlow Clowes a licence in Britain in 1985, the Gibraltar operation would have been stillborn.

Ministers are anxious to prevent the issue clouding the Conservative Party conference in Brighton this week. However, many of the investors are planning to lobby the conference today to win support for their case for compensation.

Mr Tony Blair, the shadow trade and industry spokesman, yesterday called on Lord Young to publish Sir Godfray's report immediately.

"It is now four months since the DTI inquiry was established. The hardship of the investors is clear and is bad enough without the uncertainty engendered by Government prevarication," Mr Blair said.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

ISA tops profit hopes with £1.05m interims

ISA International, which distributes peripherals for computers, has beaten expectations with interim pre-tax profits 87 per cent higher at £1.05 million. A half-way dividend of 0.45p is to be paid. The shares jumped 8p to 135p on the news.

ISA, which supplies discs, magnetic tapes, ribbons and telex and fax products, is adding about 200 new accounts a month in Britain, said Mr John Parkinson, the chairman. The increased profits reflected steady productivity increases, achieved on turnover up 40 per cent to £11.53 million, he added. Mr Simon King, an analyst at Laurence Prust & Co, the broker, is looking for pre-tax profits of £2.3 million in the current year.

Allied in £7m property buy

Allied London Properties, the property investment company, is buying a 180,000 sq ft industrial estate in Milton Keynes for £7.3 million. The estate comprises 21 units let to companies including Rothmans International, as well as subsidiaries of GEC and Unigate. The expected rental income will be £620,000 after a recent rent review.

InishTech suspended

Shares in InishTech Capital Fund were suspended on the Dublin stock exchange yesterday as the fund reported an approach from an unnamed party. The approach "may lead to a proposal involving a major change in the company's activities and an increase in its share capital," a statement said. A further announcement is expected in about a fortnight.

Hoya Lens to expand

A Japanese spectacle lens maker is expanding in North Wales in an attempt to increase its share of the European market, and expects to create another 130 jobs by 1991 at Wrexham. Hoya Lens UK has been manufacturing plastic lenses in North Wales since 1980, and now employs 72 people.

The news comes less than a week after another Japanese company, Star Micronics, announced a 250-job expansion in Wales, at Tredegar. Sonoco, an American company which makes polythene carrier bags for supermarkets, is to open a £14.5 million factory within a year at Telford, Shropshire, which is expected to create up to 200 jobs. It will be the company's first European plant. Sonoco had also considered France and Spain as possible locations.

CALA has all of Merebrook

CALA, the Scottish housebuilder and property developer, has acquired the outstanding 25 per cent stake held by the founders of Merebrook Properties. The first 75 per cent was bought last year. CALA is paying £750,000 for the company, two-thirds in cash and the balance in new shares. The acquisition will give CALA a higher profile in the sector.

Joint venture for Brierley

Brierley Investments Ltd and Carter Holt Harvey Ltd are jointly to acquire UEB Packaging Ltd for an undisclosed cash sum from New Zealand Equities. A new joint venture between the companies will incorporate the activities of Printpac, an existing partnership between Carter and Brierley. The buy is subject to Commerce Commission approval.

Densitron profits leap

Improving trading margins helped boost profits before tax at Densitron International, the electronic component manufacturer, from £401,000 to £865,000 in the half year to the end of June. Sales rose from £9.49 million to £11.85 million. The interim dividend is increased to 0.7p from 0.55p for the corresponding period of last year.

The company gave a warning that growth would slow in the second half of the year, although this would merely reflect sales volume, with margins expected to continue to improve. Last year's figures from Densitron, which has extensive Japanese and US business, were hit by the rise in the value of the yen. Mr Richard Dyett, an analyst at Chase Manhattan Securities, the broker, is expecting pre-tax profits to approach £2 million for the full year.

TEMPUS

Prudent moves pay off for LET

London & Edinburgh Trust, the growing property vehicle of the Beckwith brothers, has long planned to diversify. This strategy has sometimes confused the market, uncertain how to value the company, but it looks prudent in view of the rise in interest rates over the past few months.

Its moves into other ventures have been accompanied also by a sharp improvement in the quality of earnings, with the property investments now generating solid rental income.

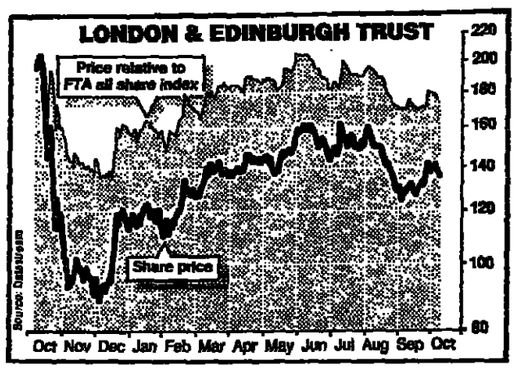
For the six months to the end of June, the company has boosted net rental income by more than 200 per cent to £7.4 million, underpinning development trading which helped to raise pre-tax profits for the period to £22.2 million, an increase of 43 per cent, just over analysts' estimates.

Now London & Edinburgh is adopting a more generous approach to dividends, raising the payout by 100 per cent to 1.5p a share and indicating a similar policy will be taken at the year end. Earnings per share show an improvement of 35 per cent to 8.8p.

While the mainstream property activities were buoyant, the up-and-coming divisions, such as financial services, leisure, and servicing, made encouraging progress.

The early emphasis on offices has been shifted to shops and business parks. It is still too early for the pincer effect of higher interest rates and fears of a fall in retail spending to have any impact on shop rents. The company says there are no signs yet of tenants for its main development projects getting cold feet.

Analysts are confident of full-year pre-tax profits of £46 million. Assets per share are likely to be about 160p against the market price of 135p, unchanged yesterday. The sector is likely to remain sluggish until interest rates fall and at current levels London & Edinburgh looks reasonable value.



Travis & Arnold

Sandell Perkins' eight-for-five share swap with Travis & Arnold, valuing the latter's shares at 421p, had a head start with acceptances from Travis's directors for 38 per cent of the equity.

This makes it harder for the fellow builders' merchant, Meyer International, to make much headway with its bid which has a face value of 600p a share. Meyer has 29 per cent of Travis.

But Travis claims the crucial difference between Sandell's approach and Meyer's is that the former is a merger and the latter a bid. Thus, in the interest of a Travis Perkins business, there is little premium in Sandell's offer.

Investors are invited to participate in the enhanced prospects of the enlarged business. Indeed, an attractive Travis Perkins could – in time – be a bid target itself.

The Travis directors calculate that the Sandell offer is worth up to 5 per cent more than Meyer's, taking into account its capital gains tax liabilities. Less well-connected shareholders may not find themselves as exposed, leaving the Meyer offer ahead.

Sandell may just win the day, because several institutions known to back the present management's judgement are yet to decide; otherwise a stalemate will ensue.

Whatever the position, Meyer is unlikely to give up easily and may sit on its 29 per cent holding in Travis, or a diluted holding in the enlarged group.

Williams

The message to shareholders from Williams Holdings in recent months has been loud and clear: acquisitions will continue, but not at the expense of earnings and not by running up large debts. So, at first sight, the Pilgrim House deal appears a total about-face. Debt will be raised to finance a partial cash alternative and the bulk of the deal is being supported by the issue of Williams' cumulative convertible redeemable preference shares.

But a promise of "no dilution" does not mean Williams cannot issue new capital, and analysts are prepared to give Williams' management team the benefit of the doubt. They remain convinced that new management will make the Pilgrim's assets sweat before earnings dilution has a chance to rear its ugly head – a task which the present Pilgrim seems unable to perform.

With just a couple of months of Williams' current year left to run, Pilgrim will make little difference to the final outcome, but next year will be a different story. Analysts have already pencilled in combined pre-tax profits of £187 million (Williams £140 million) pushing up prospective earnings per share from 26½p to more than 31p.

Meanwhile, Williams remains committed to the Kidde Fire Protection deal for which which Pilgrim was ready to pay Hanson £150 million before the US Federal Trade Commission stepped in.

Gearing of 30 per cent should present few problems for a company now valued at more than £1 billion. Any indigestion in the share price, which stood at 276½p last night, should be taken as an opportunity to buy.

Attwoods

To the discerning hamburger-eater, and even the odd investment analyst, there are important distinctions between a "Big Mac" from McDonald's and a "Whopper" from Burger King. But as far as the waste disposal specialist Attwoods is concerned, the discarded paper cartons and half-eaten food is just another load of rubbish – and very lucrative it is too.

Attwoods is attempting to move into the disposal end of the business where winning planning permission for sites can be a headache. But, essentially, it is in the business of rubbish collection, not only domestic and commercial but also surgical and toxic waste, which is more profitable.

The company's strength lies in its long-term renewable contracts which have an average life of five years. Its pricing structure is such that a competitor would need to take a loss to undercut it.

Yet, relative to its competitors, Attwoods is on the comparatively low prospective multiple of just 12.3, assuming it makes £24 million this year. Investors are entitled to feel cautious about a company which makes 70 per cent of its profits in the US, and is therefore vulnerable to a fall in the dollar.

But the adverse currency effect on a service company, being purely translational, is more apparent than real. The shares look undervalued.

BAA/British Airways

The share prices of BAA and British Airways were transposed in yesterday's Tempus item. The BAA price is 281p and British Airways is 167p.

'Invisible victims' of crash

Washington (Reuter) – Many of the small US investors who feel they were victimized by brokers on "Black Monday" are still waiting for their complaints to be resolved, says a report published yesterday.

The survey found that 82 per cent of the investors that took part in the study had become less confident about the securities markets, and 67 per cent had switched or planned to change their broker and adopt a more conservative investment strategy.

It was carried out by the North American Securities Administrators Association, which covers securities regulators from the 50 states.

Mr John Baldwin, the incoming NASAA president, said: "This confirms our suspicions that small investors were, and remain, the invisible victims of the October 19 stock market crash."

British buys in Europe poised to break record

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

An acquisitions drive into the Continent, with purchases more than doubled in value terms could make 1988 a record year for corporate activity involving British companies.

As the single European market of 1992 gets closer, European enterprises look likely to remain acquisition favourites although the level of investment in US companies is, while down, still relatively high, according to *Acquisitions Monthly* magazine.

The magazine's latest analyses cover the first nine months of 1988 when the value of acquisitions rose 18 per cent to £21.93 billion on the same period last year. There were 1,605 takeovers compared with 1,497 in the same period of 1987.

The number of acquisitions on the Continent in the nine months jumped 43 per cent to 168 compared to 95. The value was almost £1.64 billion, a 140 per cent rise. In the period, British companies made 283 US acquisitions worth $17.9 billion (£10.5 billion) against 194 worth $27.95 billion last time.


Sir Peter: Britoil takeover

Takeover activity in Britain hardly slackened either. There were fewer takeovers of public companies – 113 in the nine months against 148 in the same period last year – but more mega-bids pushed the value of acquisitions up by almost a third to £12.2 billion.

Among the bigger bids in the nine-month period was that of Nestlé for Rowntree (£2.6 billion), and BP, led by Sir Peter Walters, paid £2.56 billion for Britoil.

Bidding for public companies was slow at the start of this year but the quicker pace achieved in the summer looks set to continue at least until the early part of next year particularly because of the contested bids already in the arena, according to the magazine's analysis. But a dip in the economy could have an impact on acquisition activity, it points out.

Takeovers of private companies rose to 1,080 in the first nine months against 884 last time.

Dauphin builds a 29% advance at half time

By Martin Waller

Dauphin, the office furniture manufacturer, celebrated its first set of figures since the company's stock market début in June with a 29 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £1.9 million in the six months to the end of June.

The news came yesterday with the opening of the group's 2,000 sq ft showroom at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London, which will support its planned expansion in the London market. A 1.3p maiden dividend is to be paid, against a notional 1p last time.

Mr Alec Waddicor, the chairman, said a number of possible acquisitions had been considered – Dauphin has about £2 million in the bank earmarked for growth, after the placing which raised £1.3 million.

Dauphin has also agreed to import office furniture made by de Sede of Switzerland, one of the most exclusive names in the field which sells some of its products through Harrods.

COMPANY BRIEFS

COLORGEN INC (Fin) $
Pre-tax: $0.33m loss
EPS: $0.02 loss
Div: nil
1987 pre-tax profit $0.10m
1987 earnings per share $0.01m
Company has entered textile market.

BRISTOL STADIUM (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.12 (£0.10)m
EPS: 3.66 (3.01)p
Div: nil
Turnover £2.13 (£0.90)m. Directors are not proposing a dividend now. Will reconsider position at end of the year.

HIGH POINT SERV. (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.08 (£1.25)m
EPS: 26.27 (17.54)p
Div: 3.75 mkg 5.75
1987 dividend 2.75 mkg 4.50p
Proportion of business undertaken for the private sector is to be increased.

KCA DRILLING (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.59 (£2.05)m
EPS: 1.82 (2.13)p
Div: nil
Turnover £11.66 (13.59)m. Board believe that any decision regarding dividend level to be deferred until year-end

MEDMINSTER (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.11 (£0.92)m
EPS: 9.79 (7.81)p
Div: 2.5 mkg 3.67p
1987 dividend 1.67 mkg 2.57p. Chairman confident of the new sector making a useful contribution to profits.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Puts Jan	Apr
Allied Lyon... (*471)	420	56	67	80	3	13	20
	460	23	43	55	13	30	35
	500	7	24	35	37	50	57
Bass... (*797)	700	102	115	120	2	5	8
	750	53	70	82	4	18	25
	800	14	37	52	17	42	45
Brit Air... (*167)	140	28	31	36	1	2½	4
	160	11	16	21	3	7½	11
	180	2	6	10	15	18	22
Brit Com... (*222)	220	9	18	23	5	11	15
	240	2	9	14	22	25	28
	260	1	5	7	40	43	45
Brit Gas... (*172)	160	13½	19	21	1	3½	5½
	180	1¾	7½	10	9	11½	14
	200	½	2½	3¾	29	29	30
BP... (*241)	220	22½	30	31½	1	3½	8
	240	8	15	18	5	9½	13½
	260	1¼	6¾	8	20	21½	25½
Cons Gold... (*1289)	1100	190	230	255	8	27	43
	1200	100	165	205	18	55	70
	1300	45	105	150	67	98	120
Courtauld... (*299)	300	7	23	32	10	19	23
	330	1½	12	20	35	39	42
	360	½	5	11	64	66	68
Cons Union... (*355)	330	25	44	50	2	11	17
	360	6¾	24	30	14	22	33
	390	1	10	20	38	41	52
C & W... (*407)	330	81	90	102	1	3½	7
	360	51	62	77	1½	7½	13
	390	24	40	53	5	15	22
GEC... (*160)	140	22	25	29	1	2½	5
	160	3½	10	15	3½	8	12
	180	1	3½	7	21	23	27
GKN... (*328)	300	30	43	48	1½	6	13
	330	7½	23	28	10	16	25
	360	1½	10	16	34	35	44
Grand Met... (*447)	414	36	–	–	2	–	–
	454	7	–	–	14	–	–
	483	1½	–	–	50	–	–
	542	1	–	–	109	–	–
ICI... (*1040)	900	142	170	–	1	4	–
	950	92	125	137	2	10	24
	1000	47	87	98	7	23	42
	1100	5	33	48	67	72	85
Jaguar... (*268)	240	31	42	48	1½	8	12
	260	13	26	34	1½	12	18
	280	4½	18	25	17	23	30
	300	2	10½	16	34	35	47
Land Sec... (*577)	500	82	90	103	1½	4	9
	550	33	50	63	3	14	18
	600	5	20	35	27	37	42
M & S... (*171)	140	32	36	38	1	3	4
	160	13	18	24	1½	6	10
	180	3	8	12	12	16	17
R-Royce... (*138)	120	18	24	30	1	3	5
	130	8½	15½	20	2	5	9
	140	3	9	14	6	10	13
STC... (*265)	260	26	36	44	2	8	10
	280	12	24	30	6	13	18
	300	2½	13	17	17	24	28
Sainsbury... (*202)	180	24	28	34	1	3	4
	200	7	15	20	1	9	10
	220	1	6	11	20	21	23
Shell... (*974)	950	35	73	86	9	22	44
	1000	11	45	57	36	45	69
	1100	1½	11	20	132	132	147
Stanhope... (*187)	180	14	23	28	4	13	15
	200	4	13	21	18	23	25
	220	2	8	14	36	37	38
Tratalgar... (*320)	280	42	46	48	2	5	8
	300	24	30	34	3	11	16
	330	3	12	17	16	28	30
TSB... (*109)	80	28	32	33	1	1	2
	100	10	13½	14½	1	2	3
	110	2	6¼	7½	3	5	7
Utd Biscs... (*285)	260	33	40	47	1½	6	8
	280	16	26	34	4	12	15
	300	4	16	24	13	22	25
Ultramar... (*246)	235	20	30	47	8	16	20
	255	11	20	37	18	30	40
	275	5	22	28	33	42	52
Woolworth... (*258)	260	7	19	27	8	15	18
	280	1½	11	17	25	28	30
	300	1	5	11	45	45	47

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Puts Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad... (*210)	200	20	31	38	7½	11	16
	220	11	20	27	17	21	26
	240	5½	11	–	31	33	–
Barclays... (*425)	360	72	–	–	2	–	–
	395	43	–	–	6	–	–
	428	17	–	–	17	–	–
Beecham... (*481)	420	80	79	90	2½	6	11
	460	34	59	62	11	17	24
	500	14	28	40	32	36	42
Boots... (*221)	200	26	36	43	5	8	11
	220	13	24	30	13	17	20
	240	5	14	–	36	36	–
BTR... (*300)	260	47	55	–	1½	3	–
	280	30	40	41	4	7½	9½
	300	15	26	28	11	15	16½
Blue Circ... (*459)	390	78	92	–	3	6	–
	420	52	69	72	5	12	18
	460	24	42	46	20	24	35
	500	10	24	–	46	50	–
Dixons... (*148)	140	17	24	32	5	8	11
	160	7	14	19	16	20	22
	180	2½	7½	–	35	35	–

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Glaxo... (*1108)	900	217	234	–	2½	8	–
	950	167	192	–	6	15	–
	1000	120	152	–	13	25	–
	1100	48	88	–	50	65	–
Hanson... (*152)	120	25	29	–	1	2	–
	140	15½	17½	20½	2¼	4	5¼
	160	4	7¼	9¼	12½	13½	14
Hawker... (*527)	460	75	90	–	4	8	–
	500	43	62	68	12	20	26
	550	20	35	42	46	45	55
Hillsdown... (*277)	260	25	36	40	6	9	13
	280	12	22	30	13	17	21
	300	6	13	–	28	30	–
Lasmo... (*326)	300	44	55	65	15	25	29
	330	26	38	48	27	40	44
	360	15	27	36	47	58	64
Midland... (*428)	390	47	55	62	4	11	13
	420	25	36	43	18	22	25
	460	8	14	22	38	47	50
Sears... (*135)	120	19	27	30	5	7½	10½
	130	14	20	24½	9	12	14
	140	9	15	19	15	17	19
Tesco... (*143)	130	19	22	26	3	4	7
	140	10	16	19	5	7	11
	160	2¼	6½	–	19	19	–
Thorn EMI... (*648)	600	67	90	95	4	14	20
	650	30	50	60	20	30	37
	700	16	28	–	52	57	–
TSF... (*281)	240	33	40	46	7½	15	16
	260	21	29	37	15	24	27
	280	12	20	28	27	36	39
Unilever... (*486)	420	66	70	77	3½	8	12
	460	25	45	52	13	19	25
	500	8	22	32	38	40	44
Wellcome... (*519)	460	70	87	99	5	9	12
	500	38	58	72	15	21	26
	550	15	33	46	42	47	52

	Series	Nov	Jan	Mar	Nov	Jan	Mar
Enterprise... (*614)	600	47	65	77	30	46	45
	650	27	42	57	66	65	73
	700	10	27	40	92	98	103
Reuter... (*378)	360	37	48	–	11	17	–
	390	17	28	–	23	30	–
	420	6	12	–	48	52	–

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA... (*281)	260	22½	–	–	4	–	–
	280	10½	19	26	8	15	17
	300	3½	9	15	21	24	27
Brit Aero... (*467)	420	74	89	89	2	5	13
	460	39	59	69	7	14	25
	500	14	33	45	35	39	47
BAT Ind... (*451)	550	2½	13	24	94	95	75
	380	68	80	87	1	3½	6
	420	40	55	63	4	9	15
Brit Tele... (*245)	460	13	30	37	16	26	33
	220	30	38	39	1½	3½	6
	240	12	25	32	5	9½	12
Cadbury... (*373)	280	2½	8½	15	17	19	27
	360	32	47	57	13	22	29
	380	16	34	42	29	36	45
Guinness... (*331)	420	6	21	30	83	87	83
	300	36	46	53	2½	6	8
	330	12	24	32	10	13	20
Ladbroke... (*463)	360	3	12	16	32	32	34
	380	76	83	–	1½	3½	–
	420	47	58	69	4	10	12
LASMO... (*627)	480	17	32	39	18	25	27
	500	32	77	90	22	34	49
	550	26	50	65	46	58	67
Pilkington... (*218)	600	13	30	46	83	85	95
	200	23	28	34	3	7	9
	220	9	14	22	10	15	18
Plessey... (*163)	240	2½	7	13	24	27	29
	140	25	28	34	1	3½	5½
	160	9½	15	20	6	8	12
P & O... (*592)	180	2½	7	11	19	22	24
	500	90	102	110	9	5	9
	550	42	69	70	8	14	23
Prudential... (*161)	600	12	32	38	28	35	47
	160	7	13	16	5	6	9
	170	2	–	–	11	–	–
Racal... (*316)	180	1	6	7	20	22	23
	300	29	40	45	9	16	22
	330	11	28	34	23	32	39
RTZ... (*435)	360	4½	16	22	46	55	54
	390	57	70	80	4	11	13
	420	33	52	60	15	22	28
Vaal Reefs... (*968)	460	18	30	37	33	40	46
	60	10	13	16	2	4	6
	70	3	7	9	7	11	13
Tr 12½... 1995 (*109)	80	1	3	5	14	20	22
	108	2¾	3½	–	1/32	3/16	–
	108	1/32	2	–	1/32	1/16	–
	110	3/16	3/32	–	1/16	1/16	–
	112	1/8	1/16	–	2/16	4	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1849)

Series	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
1700	158	162	170	175	3	9	14	20
1750	110	115	128	135	6	15	22	30
1800	64	75	90	98	13	28	36	43
1850	29	43	57	67	33	47	55	63
1900	8	23	32	44	87	77	82	92
1950	2	8½	17	27	108	112	120	125
2000	1	3½	–	–	158	158	–	–

October 10, 1988 Total: 29029 Calls 21149 Puts 7880 FT-SE: Calls 1941 Puts 1341
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
October 10	October 21	January 12	January 23

Call options were taken out on: 10/10/88 Metal Box, WA Holdings, Ungate, Mowat Group, Wace Group, Benlloxs, Parkfield, Norton Opax, London Intnl Group, Celestion, Control Secs, Buts Resources, Davy Intnl, J Jarvis, Verson Intnl, Amber Day, Telemetrix, JRB, Wagon Inds, Dixons, Anglia Secure Homes, Radio Clyde, Aurora, Reckitt & Colman, Amersham.
Puts & Calls: Domino Print, PML, Parkfield.

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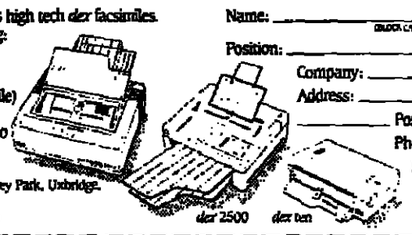


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London Merchant hardens opposition to Carless deal

By Carol Ferguson

London Merchant Securities, Lord Rayne's property and leisure group, has hardened its position over the proposed acquisition of Ryan International, the coal mining group, by Carless Capel & Leonard, the independent oil company.

LMS, Carless's biggest single shareholder, with a 27 per cent stake and two directors on the Carless board – Mr Robert Spier and the Hon Robert Rayne, the chairman's son – initially approved the £90 million acquisition of Ryan.

Subsequently, however, LMS announced that it had changed its mind, saying that it was unlikely to support the deal, but giving no reasons for its change of heart. It has now gone further, registering its outright opposition to the deal.

Mr Spier, financial director of LMS, said that, as a director of Carless, he had had very brief notice of the proposed acquisition. "But we tended towards support, because we have always supported the management," he said. "We supported Ian (Clubb, Carless's managing director) through five deals in the past year, so we did not change our minds without thinking about it very carefully".

Mr Clubb said last night that he was not suprised that LMS had decided to oppose the deal. "I always assumed they would," he said. But he added that he had had strong institutional support. "It will be a photo-finish, but we will succeed in making this acquisition."

He said that, with limited exceptions, he could count on all the big shareholders, but he needed to mobilize the small shareholders, who hold around 20 per cent of Carless shares. "We want as many to vote backing the management as we can get," Mr Clubb said. "So far the proxies are four to one in favour.

Mr Spier said: "LMS has now had a long time to contemplate the transaction, and has had all the relevant information, and we have concluded that it dilutes the value of the upstream oil activities."

He added: "Carless would need to rely on Mr Crispian Hotson, Ryan's chief executive, in the coal business." If the bid goes through, Mr Hotson will become the deputy group managing director.

Mr Spier acknowledged that Mr Hotson had "done rather a good job of recovering Ryan from its troubles of the past," and said that if Carless were to diversify into coal, Mr Hotson would be a good manager. "But we are increasingly of the view that diversification too far out of the oil business is not a good thing," he said.

Attwoods leaps despite dollar

By Our City Staff

Attwoods, the waste disposal group, had a strong year in 1987, despite the adverse effect of the dollar on the translation of its results into sterling.

The group, which does 70 per cent of its business in the US, reported pre-tax profits up 24 per cent to £14.7 million, on turnover up 25 per cent to £92 million. In dollar terms, however, the results show a 44 per cent rise in turnover and pre-tax profits up 43 per cent. If acquisitions are also excluded, the rate of organic profits growth is 16.7 per cent.

A final dividend of 5p net was declared, making 7p for the year, up 16.7 per cent.

Mr Ken Foreman, the Attwoods chairman, said yesterday: "Being a service company with minimal requirements to exchange currency, I again emphasize that such fluctuations in rates of exchange have no effect on the real financial strength of our company."

He said last June's £40 million convertible preference share issue had reduced debt, allowing the gearing ratio to drop to 22 per cent, and giving the flexibility to pursue acquisitions. In addition to rubbish collection, Attwoods is attempting to break into the potentially more lucrative disposal business by buying an 800-acre site in Pennsylvania. Mr Foreman said he had not yet won planning permission to use the site for landfill.

He said media attention on the problems associated with untreated waste in the US was benefiting the Medx subsidiary. "As illegally dumped hospital waste was washed up on US beaches, public demand for safe, regulated disposal of medical waste reached an all-time high," he said.

He added that Medx had doubled both revenues and profits during the year, and was extending its services to five more states.

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US expansion: Ken Foreman (Photograph: Marc Aspland)

B&C builds for the future

By Cliff Feltham

Cayzer House, the City headquarters for many years of British & Commonwealth Holdings, is to be demolished to make way for a new office building which will be the flagship of the group's thrust into property development.

Mr Peter Goldie, chief executive of British & Commonwealth, said yesterday: "Ideally, we would like to have a property portfolio worth about £300 million within the next three to four years."

The group has been considering ways of developing its property assets to offset the absence of any fixed assets in its financial services business.

"Property development, both for investment and trading, will be a major activity. Larger schemes could well be retained as investments, but smaller projects, particularly those with a value of up to, say, £20 million, will be undertaken principally for trading," Mr Goldie said.

"It is intended that many of the small projects will be undertaken with joint venture partners."

Cayzer House will be the first major development carried out by the new business, known as B&C Properties, run by the former Stockley director Mr Mark Creedy, aged 34, and Mr Simon Farrow, aged 31, who worked on early Stanhope projects.

The new 85,000 sq ft building to replace Cayzer House is scheduled for completion in autumn 1990.

"The scheme is one of the few sizeable office developments that will be available for letting in the City in the next few years," a B&C spokesman said. A further scheme in the City to create up to 30,000 sq ft of offices is also in the pipeline.

The portfolio also includes a 634-acre farm near the new terminal at Stansted Airport, and a 500-acre site in Redhill, which contains 300,000 sq ft of warehouse and offices.

Chillington falls to £1.87m

By Wolfgang Münchau

Chillington Corporation, the engineering, plantations and overseas trading group, yesterday announced pre-tax profits for the six months to June of £1.87 million, against £2.04 million last year. But fully-diluted earnings per share rose by 0.9p to 4.5p. Turnover was up 45 per cent to £33.57 million. The discrepancy between lower profits and higher earnings per share is due to the sale of the company's stake in Telfos Holdings.

In 1987, when the group sold 57 per cent of its stake, Telfos contributed £800,000 to pre-tax profits. A profit of £705,000 on the sale of a large part of the remaining holding was included in this year's interim accounts.

Higher tea and palm oil prices mean that the agricultural division is performing better than last year. But manufacturing at Chillington's Brazil plant has suffered badly from the effects of inflation at almost 800 per cent.

The interim dividend rises to 3p per share from 2.6p and a final dividend of at least 4.7p per share is planned.

Falcon promises accounts next year

By Martin Waller

Shareholders in Falcon Resources, the fledgling oil explorer whose shares have been suspended since October 1985, were yesterday promised long-awaited accounts for calendar years 1985 to 1987 early next year, along with an eventual relisting.

This follows last week's extraordinary meeting at which Mr Ronnie Monk was elected chairman with the support of about 71 per cent of shareholders. The meeting led to the departure from the board of his rival, Mr Oliver Jessel.

At the meeting, Mr Monk was criticized over the long-delayed accounts. His plans for the refinancing of the company, which he previously chaired until displaced by Mr Jessel in January, will be contained in a document to the estimated 5,700 shareholders "as early as possible in the first quarter of 1989," he pledged.

This would also contain the accounts for the three years, with audited figures for the nine months to end-September or even the figures for calendar 1988.

BAe wins £100m USAF contract

British Aerospace's civil aircraft division has won a contract worth more than £100 million for maintaining the British-based F-111 fighter aircraft fleet of the United States Air Force (USAF).

It follows an existing five-year deal for keeping the fighter aircraft, made by General Dynamics of the US, in full battle trim. British Aerospace has been dealing with the F-111 since 1978.

The work will be done at Filton in Bristol, where the workforce of 5,000 is also involved in making wings for the European Airbus and the central fuselage of British Aerospace's 146 ultra-quiet jetliner.

The eventual value of the contract will depend on the USAF's developing needs but it is put at "well in excess" of £100 million.

Barlows soars

Barlows, the Manchester commercial property manager and developer, reported an increase in pre-tax profits to £375,000 (£11,000) on turnover of £948,000, against £55,000, for the six months to June. Earnings per share rose to 1.71p, from 0.28p. The interim dividend was raised from nil to 0.75p per share.

£20m order

C&I Systems, the Gateshead subsidiary of Northern Engineering Industries (NEI), has won a £20 million contract from the Central Electricity Generating Board for a control and instrumentation system for the Sizewell B nuclear power station. Completion is due by November 1993.

Spanish buy

W Canning, the specialist chemicals and industrial distribution group, has bought 75 per cent of Santos del Valle and Semitronic, both in Spain, for £2.4 million. Canning has the right to buy another 10 per cent of the companies in 1990.

£2.15m deal

Midsummer Leisure, the discos, pubs and snooker halls group, is buying LV Pannell, a Nottingham sign manufacturer, for £2.15 million initially, the consideration depending on profits.

Raine move

Raine Industries has increased its stake in its bid target Ruberoid by about 2 per cent to 31.1 per cent including acceptances and purchases. A million shares were acquired from Smith New Court, the securities house.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Drexel moves on with 'lean, mean machine'

Mud may stick, but it does not seem to smell. Despite the well-publicized problems of Drexel Burnham Lambert with the US authorities over the past year or so, the pioneers of the junk bond have climbed yet again in the *Wall Street Letter* rankings of investment analysts. Drexel analysts have moved from joint third into the number two spot. Goldman Sachs, joint third last year, leads this time with First Boston third.

Drexel's elevation from sixth in 1986, through joint third to second could hardly have come at a better moment, for the firm is planning an assault on the European research business, where it is so far unrepresented. It has had a market-making and trading operation for European stocks in London since the market opened up, trading about 50 stocks on the Seaq system and a total of some 100 non-US equities. It is also one of the more active players in the emerging London American Depository Receipt business, and is strengthening the team with the appointment of two traders from Shearson Lehman Hutton, Richard Abrahams and Paul Dudney, to trade ADRs and UK stocks.

At a time when many securities houses are wondering what to do with the staff they already have, Drexel is setting up its first research capability into British and European stocks. It has brought in Nick Knight from James Capel as managing director of research and the whole operation is being headed by Alan Benasuli, still ranked as top US aerospace analyst despite his move to London. Three more are being drafted in from New York and Drexel has picked up a team in Spain from the Banco Santander.

Mr Benasuli has high hopes for his "lean, mean machine" which he is planning to drive through the competive crowds to establish Drexel as one of the key players in international research, and reckons that by grouping his analysts by sector rather than by country, and then applying a country analyst on top, he will score while others merely kick own goals.

It doesn't exactly sound a revolutionary idea, but if he is right, then he will soon have imitators. London is still the most over-researched market where presentations by leading companies in, say pharmaceuticals or retailing, can be attended by nearly 100 analysts, all likely to write similar reports and try to flog them to the same institutional fund managers.

In the New York market, there are seldom more than a couple of dozen analysts following the same stock, and it can be only a matter of time before a similar situation will apply here. The best will have well-rewarded careers of influence: the rest will find other jobs, and not before time.

Gilt-edged satisfaction

The gilt market has good reason to be happy with things at the moment. It likes what the Chancellor is saying about interest rates and sterling, a run of recent economic figures has come out better than expected and, should things go wrong, the Bank of England is there with its vacuum cleaner, picking up surplus stock.

Yields on long-dated gilts, pushing at 10 per cent last month, have now settled down to below 9.5 per cent. The long end of the market is also looking beyond Mr Lawson's winter of discomfort to the base rate reductions that could follow it.

The September producer price figures, out yesterday, fitted the recent pattern of economic data. Output price inflation was in line with expectations at 5 per cent, but the weakness of raw material and fuel prices, down 0.9 per cent on the month – and this before oil prices really started to weaken – was a pleasant surprise.

The Chancellor's weekend television interview, in which he laid to rest the admittedly faint hope of a party conference base rate cut, may not have done the equity market any favours but it was music to the ears of the gilt market. The normal relationship between gilts and interest rates will not be restored until the market is convinced that the economy is slowing and inflation remains under control. Thus, a commitment to maintaining high interest rates – and raising them further if necessary – is actually good for the gilt market in the present environment.

A major feature of that environment has been the steady buying-in of stock by the Bank of England. The Bank is faced with a public sector surplus which is growing larger by the month, and now it does not need to intervene to hold down sterling, it has little option but to buy in stock to meet its fully funding rule.

The Bank is understandably concerned that what it sees as a technical operation, and one which allows the authorities to reduce both the average maturity and the average coupon on its debt, has been seen as a market support operation. Even so, with the Bank probably having acquired £2.5 billion of stock in the current financial year, a phone call offering stock to the Old Lady is clearly in every market-maker's interest.

Buying-in will not insulate the market from the winter run on sterling that a £2 billion-plus monthly current account deficit could still generate. However, against a backdrop of rising inflation and a still overheating economy, gilts are in a strong position.

Abell adds Fennell to the mix

The relationship between the City and industry is often said to be an uneasy one – but not, it seems, in the case of David Abell, the chairman of Suter, the industrial conglomerate. He has, I hear, recently married Juliana Fennell, a former analyst at County NatWest WoodMac. Juliana, described by her erstwhile City colleagues as "attractive, charming and very able" – forgive the pun – specialized in Dutch stocks and resigned a month ago so that she could move to Grantham, Lincolnshire, where Suter's headquarters – and thus Abell – are based. This is, I am told, Abell's third marriage, and the couple, who have known each other for two years, got hitched at Melton Mowbray registry office in Leicestershire. The ceremony was followed by a reception at Stapleford Park, the stately home converted into a luxury hotel by Bob Payton, that pleasantly eccentric American entrepreneur of Chicago Pizza Pie fame.

Running total

Not to be outdone by the Home Federal Bank for Savings in Waukegan, Illinois, which linked the rate on its certificate of deposit to the number of medals won by the US in the Olympics, the Regency Savings Bank in Naperville, also in Illinois, is allowing its investors to bet on the outcome of the Presidential election. Its new certificate of deposit promises to pay an extra 0.5 per cent to those investors who successfully pick the next US president. Of the $1 million (£590,000) so far raised, three-quarters has been bet on George Bush.



"We'll get married as soon as house prices have bottomed out and British Steel has been floated"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

New court for Ambrose

Smith New Court's popular senior dealer David Ambrose departed, I hear, for the Big Apple last week to head the firm's New York trading operation. Leading a 48-strong team making markets in non-US stocks, Ambrose's experience on Smith's South African and Far Eastern pitches should stand him in good stead. The cigar-chomping and bearded Ambrose, aged 44, joined Smith New Court from school back in 1960, and left six years later. However, he arrived unexpectedly back at Smith New Court two years ago, when it took over Scott Goff Layton, which was where Ambrose was partner in charge of international dealing. The move to Smith New Court Carl Marks Inc means he will have to part company with his convertible Jaguar XJS and – temporarily – his wife, June, who plans to commute to their Manhattan apartment until their youngest son finishes school next summer.

Trunk packed

Credit Suisse Buckmaster & Moore has lost its sole retail analyst, Rowan Morgan, aged 33, resigned yesterday after three years with the firm, left the premises almost immediately, and starts work with Shearson Lehman, the US investment house, in a month. As Shearson's senior retail analyst, he will be number two to Peter Jones in a stores team that also includes Michael Heery. Rowan, nicknamed The Elephant Man because of his fascination with the species – he has a collection of 40 model elephants at his Braintree, Essex, home – hopes to be set free from the comical title at his new City abode. After all, during the past 15 months a strict diet has reduced his weight by a full three stone to about 15 stone.

Lambs to Slaughter

At Friday night's annual dinner-dance of leading City solicitor Slaughter and May at the Grosvenor House Hotel, employees and their guests were reminded that the firm is almost 100 years old. Partner Richard Youard claimed that the firm was, in common with other City practices, introducing new technology. Then, speaking on behalf of the staff, Peter Richards-Carpenter observed that, instead of using messengers to carry documents to the fax room, a pneumatic tube had been laid under the road to do the job, similar to those used in the early days of departmental stores. But since it had not yet broken down, there had not been an opportunity to prove rumours that ferrets were being used to flush out messages that became stuck. Meanwhile, such is the advance of new technology that those employees inhabiting the new Coleman Street office have to contend with an electric revolving door, known as "the liquidiser," Richards-Carpenter said. "You have to get the speed, direction and rhythm absolutely right, and many a visitor has spent a unhappy few minutes trying to extricate a limb." However, this particular office is apparently occupied by the litigation department, and Richards-Carpenter pointed out that it was only right and fitting that litigators should sport black eyes, bruises and cauliflower ears if they were doing their jobs properly.

Carol Leonard



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Libya calls for emergency Opec meeting on prices

By Our City Staff

Libya has called for an emergency meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to halt the slide in world oil prices and restore stability to the market. The Libyan demand is aimed at ending the squabbling over cheating on agreed quotas by fellow members of the oil producers' cartel.

Oil prices are now at their lowest levels in two years, because of a glut widely blamed on overproduction on the part of some of the 13 Opec members.

Iraq, which refuses to acknowledge Opec quotas, immediately rejected the idea

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of an emergency meeting. Mr Isam Abd-ul Rahim al-Chalabi, the oil minister of Iraq, said that Opec was to hold its joint strategy and pricing committee meeting in Madrid next week to tackle the problem.

But Mr al-Chalabi also said, after talks in Bali with Mr Ginanjar Kartasasmita, his Indonesian counterpart, that Opec did not need to call an emergency meeting.

Iraq is one of the eight Opec countries that will hold the meeting in order to review output quotas and prices, and decide whether to hold an emergency Opec meeting before the one scheduled for late next month.

Asked whether he thought prices would stabilize after the Madrid meeting, Mr al-Chalabi said: "No. Let's not be too optimistic . . . There is not a magic solution that can be reached immediately. That will take some time. Let us hope we will be able to do something before the November conference.

"There might be one meeting, there might be two meetings," Mr al-Chalabi said. Asked about an Iraqi production quota, he said: "There are too many issues that face Opec. We have decided to touch upon those issues which are too complicated. They are interrelated and we hope that we will be able to find the solution for all."

The Opec production ceiling agreement excludes Iraq, which has demanded a quota equal to Iran's. "But of course we do not expect that for such a complicated question we will be able to find a solution in the first meeting," Mr al-Chalabi said.

He did not say whether Iraq could continue to press for parity with Iran. "There have been problems facing Opec, including over-production, pricing, and the quota for all members. These will all be discussed at the same time," he said.

Mr al-Chalabi said all producers would like to see oil prices back at $18 a barrel, but that something would have to be done to bring them up from their present level. On Friday, Dubai crude, the Middle East benchmark, sold for $9.30 a 36-gallon barrel in London.

Mr al-Chalabi earlier said he was optimistic Opec would tackle the problem of plummeting oil prices.

Another reason for Mr al-Chalabi's visit to Bali was to discuss a countertrade deal under which Indonesia will buy Iraqi crude in exchange for commodities.

Jana, the Libyan news agency, said Tripoli had called for the convening "of an urgent extraordinary conference of the Opec ministerial council as soon as possible in order to take the necessary measures to stop the fall in prices, restore stability to the oil market and take prices up to levels which are fair to both consumer and producer."

Jana did not say when Tripoli had made the call for the emergency meeting, nor what reaction it had received.



Opposing meeting: Isam al-Chalabi, oil minister of Iraq

Japanese stake likely in First Boston venture

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

At least one large Japanese bank is expected to be invited to take a stake in the newly-formed CS First Boston securities and banking group.

The complex new shareholding structure is regarded as an unprecedented opportunity to further the move by Japanese investors into the securities markets from which many large Japanese banks have so far been excluded. Japanese laws do not allow banks to undertake securities business at home, so many have been slow to participate in securities markets overseas.

Some banks have, however, bought their way into the market by taking stakes in foreign securities firms. Last year, Sumitomo bank took a large stake in Goldman Sachs, the New York investment bank.

In Britain there have been suggestions that a Japanese institution will be brought in as a joint owner of Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the London securities house owned by Citicorp.

First Boston, the US bank, and its associated company, Credit Suisse First Boston, announced over the weekend their intention to merge.

First Boston and the Swiss bank, Crédit Suisse, will become sole owners of the new company. This would create a firm with unmatched capital raising capacity on world securities markets. Outside shareholders will be bought out at a cost of $1.1 billion (£650 million).

Crédit Suisse owns 60 per cent of CSFB while First Boston owns 40 per cent. After the restructuring, a new holding company called CS First Boston will be formed.

This will be 44.5 per cent owned by Crédit Suisse, 25 per cent by management and employees, and 30.5 per cent by up to three long-term shareholders. The new shareholders have not yet been chosen although the bank says it has already had numerous approaches from interested institutions.

The new shareholders will be required to invest $600 million of capital in the new company, which will have a total capital of $1.1 billion.

The restructuring was prompted by the increasing internationalization of capital markets, which made the original structure, set up in 1978, inefficient.

In addition, there were growing conflicts between CSFB and its two main shareholders as all three competed against each other in the same markets.

The aim now is to set up a business with three legs in each of the main financial areas of the world, with a centralized profit centre. The European arm will be called Financière CS First Boston, CS First Boston will operate in the US, and CS First Boston Pacific will be established in the Far East.

Discussions on how to reorganize the securities group began more than two years ago.

CSFB was performing increasingly badly under the old structure and then First Boston was hit by the resignations of Mr Bruce Wasserstein and Mr Joe Perella, its leading corporate finance managers.

Saudi Arabia 'aiming to punish cheats'

Saudi Arabia appears determined to keep oil output high and prices low, "until some heads are bashed within Opec and the group lines up behind the quota pact," according to oil analysts.

"Saudi Arabia also wants to retain its share of the market at any cost," said one observer.

However, Sheikh Hisham Nazer, the Saudi oil minister, told the official Saudi Press Agency on Saturday that his country had not thought of leaving Opec, and denied responsibility for low prices.

His remarks followed speculation in world oil markets that Saudi Arabia, Opec's biggest producer, was planning to quit the cartel and would no longer defend its quota pact aimed at shoring up prices.

"Saudi Arabia does not think of leaving Opec and . . . still calls for the return to set output levels. It will be the first to abide by them," Sheikh Nazer was quoted as saying. Speculation was triggered by a statement after a Saudi Arabian cabinet meeting last week in which the country said it would not freeze output while other Opec states were overproducing at its expense.



Nazer: denies responsibility

The statement said Saudi Arabia had made sufficient concessions in the past in support of Opec.

Oil industry sources estimate output by Opec members totalled 20.6 million barrels per day in September, 2 million more than the demand for Opec oil.

They also said members were selling oil at prices linked to spot market levels, which were as much as $8 less than Opec's reference price of $18 a barrel. The analysts said it was not clear whether Saudi Arabia was blaming the overproduction on its Gulf Co-operation Council allies Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, or on Iraq.

Kuwait is estimated to have produced 1.6 million bpd and the UAE 1.9 million in September, compared with their respective Opec quotas of 996,000 bpd and 948,000 bpd.

"The Saudis are generally fed up with the cheating going on in Opec," said one oil analyst. "They want to hit other members where it hurts."

However, another commentator said: "They are not expected to hit at Kuwait and the UAE for overproduction, as they may need their support in Opec's November ministerial meeting."

Sources said Saudi Arabia had contributed to the glut by producing about 4.9 million bpd in both August and September, compared with its Opec quota of 4.343 million.

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Abbey	1,575	Cons Gold	881	L&G	219	Sainsbury	373
Allied-Lyons	2,586	Cookson	176	Lloyds	3,218	Scot & N	2,052
Amstrad	1,096	Courtaulds	342	Lonrho	7,125	Sears	4,880
ASDA	873	Dalgety	698	Lucas	434	Sedgwick	157
AB Foods	74	Dixons	1,150	Magnet	161	Shell	639
Argyll	1,293	ECC	439	M&S	1,318	Siebe	267
BAA	2,009	Enterprise	1,445	Maxwell Cm	193	Slough	327
BET	1,114	Ferranti	10,380	MB Group	2,457	Smith & N	1,576
BTR	1,091	Fisons	1,375	MEPC	338	Smith WH	13
BAT	1,377	FKI Bstock	1,701	Midland	1,027	Smiths Ind	778
Barclays	1,653	Gateway Cp	3,500	NatWest	1,347	STC	897
Bass	810	Gen Acc	3,558	Next	3,332	Stan Chart	191
Beecham	2,323	GEC	48	Nth Food	260	Storehse	436
Beazer	2,344	Glaxo	3,501	P&O	238	Sun Alliance	205
Bensfd SW	120	Globe Inv	331	Pearl	21	T & N	1,088
BICC	837	Glynwed	977	Pearson	484	Tarmac	1,822
Blue Arrow	823	Granada	912	Pilkington	1,198	Tate & Lyle	167
Blue Circle	781	Grand Met	4,081	Plessey	3,453	Taylor Wood	n/a
BOC	590	GUS 'A'	258	Polly Peck	821	TSB	7,254
Boots	2,029	GRE	830	Prudential	3,284	Tesco	1,171
BPB	810	GKN	438	Racal	3,074	Thorn EMI	882
Br Aero	783	Guinness	1,343	Rk Hovis	293	Trafalgar	471
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Br Gas	2,450	H & C	198	Redland	579	Unigate	1,306
Br Land	340	Hawker	715	Reed	437	Unilever	948
Br Petrol	2366	Hillsdown	657	Reuters	952	United Bis	702
Br Telecm	3,918	IMI	1,331	RMC Gp	492	Utd News	451
Bunzl	318	ICI	835	RTZ	834	Wellcome	114
Burmah	220	Inchcape	922	R-Royce	1,245	Whitbrd	171
Burton	653	Jaguar	2,193	Rothmn 'B'	312	Williams	1,573
C&W	2,172	Lasmo	4,500	Rowntree	n/a	Wills Fab	520
Cadbury	896	Ladbroke	1,544	Royal Bank	412	Wimpey G	5,113
Coats	1,352	Land Sec	764	Royal Ins	211	Woolworth	859

PRESELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR UPGRADING AND PERIODIC ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK

The Ministry of Public Works of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar invites bidders to submit preselection applications for tender offers on the upgrading and periodic maintenance work of the VIIth Highway Project funded by the International Development Association with co-financed Swiss funding supervised by this Association.

The work concerns paved roads, earthen roads and agricultural feeder roads.

Only firm or groups from Switzerland, Taiwan or World Bank members countries shall be allowed to submit applications for the present preselection invitation.

Applications shall be submitted by 5.p.m. Madagascar time on December 1st, 1988.

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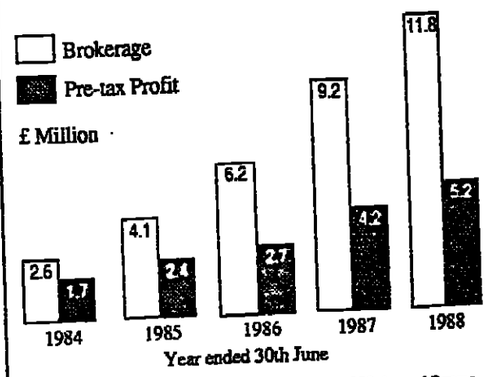
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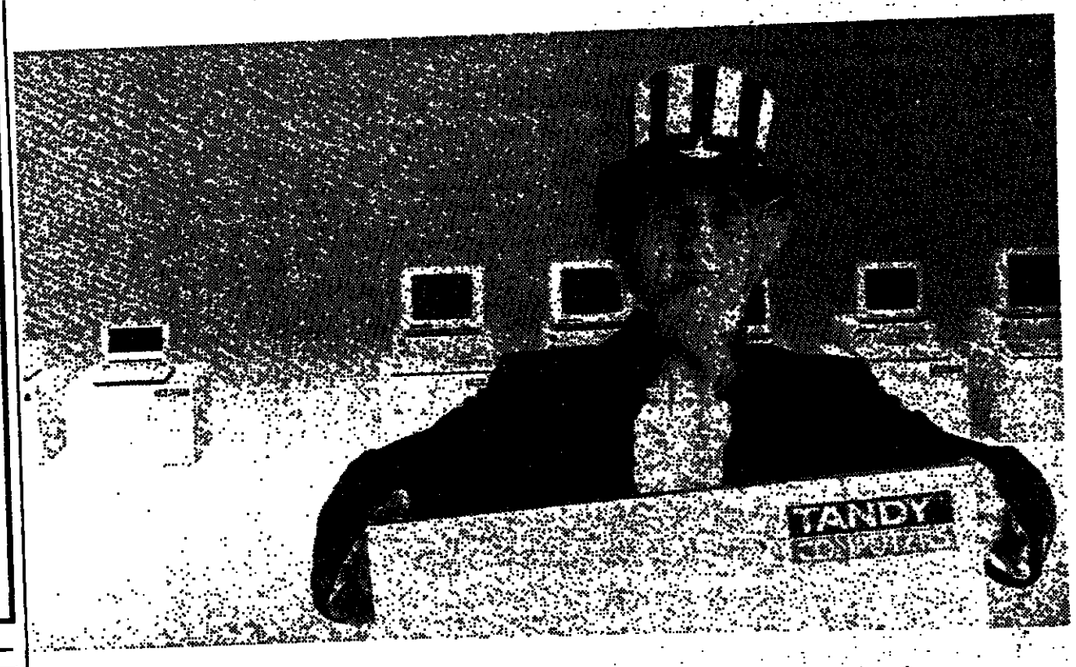
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	£'000	
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STOCK MARKET

George Wimpey firmer on talk about Australian bid

Speculation was mounting late last night that George Wimpey, one of the largest housebuilders in Britain, could soon find itself receiving an antipodean bid as the shares raced away to close 13p higher at 271p — just below the year's peak of 275p and valuing the company at about £750 million.

More than 5 million shares changed hands as word went round the market that an Australian buyer had built up a strategic stake in the company and had made an offer it could not refuse to Grove Charity, the family trust, for its 35 per cent stake in Wimpey.

Dealers have noted the above-average turnover in Wimpey during the past couple of months and have sensed that a stake-building operation is under way.

The name of Mr John Spalvins' Adelaide Steamship — an Australian group which bought a holding in Blue Circle Industries and then sold it — was immediately put forward as a possible predator.

One hard-pressed dealer remarked: "There certainly seems to be something on the cards." He added: "With P&O breathing down its neck, I would not rule out a bid for Wimpey coming from its rival Taylor Woodrow."

The market became excited this year when Beazer bought a 1.4 per cent stake in Wimpey, but had its hopes dashed when it later sold the stock to concentrate on its $1.7 billion (£992 million) acquisition of Koppers of the US. However, dealers were convinced that news is pending and were expecting the activity to continue today.

Sir Clifford Chetwood, the chairman of Wimpey, kept shareholders happy in September when he reported a 69 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £40.7 million.

Meanwhile, the market failed to get too excited by Wall Street's 42-point jump on Friday and took more notice of the Chancellor's weekend comment that interest rates will remain high in order to defend sterling against any strong downward pressure.

Interest was largely confined to bid situations — either actual or talked of — and the FT-SE 100-share index drifted lower, finishing 0.6 of point off at 1,844.1 after achieving a 7-point gain. The narrower FT 30-share index closed 0.1 points lower at 1,490.3.

The pound's strong performance after the Chancellor's remarks helped gilt-edged stocks to close with improvements ranging to £½.

RTZ, the mining finance group which grabbed the headlines last Friday when it suddenly sold its 28 per cent stake in London & Scottish Marine Oil to various institutions for 500p a share, thus swelling its coffers by a further £259 million, retreated 8p to 435p in thin trading.

The Lasmo sale took RTZ's cash pile up to £910 million and dealers were taking the view that Mr Derek Birkin, RTZ's chief executive, will soon spend the money on an acquisition.

Those companies said to be on RTZ's shopping list include English China Clays, the Cornish minerals and building group and Delta, the electrical equipment and metals group, but both gave ground on profit-taking after Friday's good gains. ECC closed 3p off at 521p and Delta 5p down at 294p.

Meanwhile, there is some speculation that RTZ might thwart the South African-controlled Minorco's £2.9 billion bid for Consolidated Gold Fields, the British mining house.

Moreover, ConsGold fell by 13p to £12.87 on increasing fears that Minorco's bid will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

ConsGold has released the details of its submission to the Office of Fair Trading, arguing that the Minorco bid is against the public interest and would be seriously damaging both to the company and to Britain.

Racal, the electronics and defence equipment group, rose 4p to 317p as about 3 million shares changed hands.

Fresh interest was shown ahead of tomorrow's publication by Racal of the terms of its Vodafone flotation later this month.

Dealers expect to hear that the shares of Racal Telecommunications Group will be offered to investors at 175p a share, the upper end of the 155p-185p range set by its parent which values the issue at £1.75 billion.

Racal is putting 200 million shares on the market, with 75 per cent being offered to Racal shareholders on a two-for-nine basis.

Analysts are expecting the issue to go well. A recent international roadshow by Sir Ernest Harrison, Racal's chairman, aimed at drumming up institutional support for the float, has gone well. Already, French, West German and Swiss investors have given a positive response.

Holmes Protection, the New York electronic security group, eased 1p to 110p — but could soon be moving in the opposite direction.

Whispers in the market suggest that Wormald, the troubled Australian fire protection group which had abortive merger discussions with Holmes last year, has received an offer for its 15 per cent stake in the company and is ready to sell.

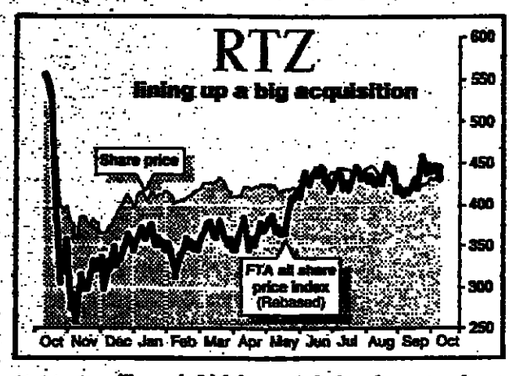
Wormald bought its shares in Holmes before the crash at an average of 180p a share and has incurred immense financial problems itself as a result of the Australian market's demise last year. Recently, it agreed to sell its security division to Racal for £61.3 million and is keen to pick up some more cash from the sale of its shares in Holmes.

Dealers feel that there is no shortage of potential bidders for Holmes with Thorn EMI, Racal and Britannia Security all expanding in the security market.

More than 10 million shares in Ferranti, the electronics group, changed hands and the close was 1p easier at 95.5p.

Dealers were perplexed as to why the shares should be so active, but one suggested that it could be speculators preparing for important contract Ferranti is waiting for a decision on whether it has been awarded a consortium contract, worth about £350 million, to supply radar for the European fighter aircraft.

Geoffrey Foster



Keep an eye on

Chamberlain Phipps, the shoe components and adhesives group, which improved 2p to 155p. Whispers in the market suggest that Wardle Storeys, which failed in a £62 million takeover attempt last year, is ready to try again with a 220p-a-share offer.

Wace Group's acquisition of Techtron, a US pre-press rival, for $56 million (£32.7 million) has impressed. Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, expects pretax profits of £7.6 million for the current year against £3.7 million last time. It rates the shares, up 6p at 34p, as a strong buy.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
Acorn Inv	85
BMSS (118p)	116 –3
Bucknall Aust (110p)	115
Builder Gp (125p)	161
Caldwell Inv	36
Christie Grp (145p)	168 +2
Colonnade	139
Colroy (150p)	172 +8
Cupid	110
Erostin Group (165p)	167 +1
European Colour	25
Heritage (95p)	163
Herring Son (150p)	158
Hi-Tech Sports	145
Lincat Group (115p)	168 –2
Mitsubishi Bank	£127½
Nat Telecom	153 +1
Palmerston Hldgs	230 +10
Rémanmaster	61 –1
Rockfort	109
Saunderson Elec (130p)	146
Savills (125p)	118
SCRcorp	219¾ +⅝
Severfield-R (80p)	97 +1
Sonic Tape (15p)	10½ –½
Specialeyes	80 –1
Tamaris	55 –1
Tams (John) (80p)	91 –1
Thorntons (125p)	128
Zurich Group	58 +2

RIGHTS ISSUES	
Carlton Comm NP	42
Clyde Petroleum N/P	14½ –3
Elliott (B) N/P	13
Ellis & Everard N/P	14 +1
Grand Met NP	48
Honorbilt N/P	7 +1
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NEW YORK

Dow manages small gain in early trading

(Reuter) — Shares turned mixed and directionless in early trading yesterday, failing to back Friday's strong rally. Mr Newton Zinder, an analyst at Shearson Lehman Hutton, said that shares were marking time with Tokyo closed for a holiday and the banks and the bond market closed here for Columbus Day.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 4 points up at 2,154.25 but declining issues narrowly outnumbered falls.

Best Products jumped 6 to 26¾. The company has agreed to be acquired at $27.50 a share by an investment group. Tenneco gained 1⅛ to 49⅞. Seagull Energy has agreed to acquire some of Tenneco's affiliates.

A Time Inc spokesman said that the company had no comment on a rise in price of its shares.

Time, the subject of frequent takeover talk, was 4¼ up at 121¾ on a turnover of 83,500 shares after reaching 122½. But traders said that they had heard of nothing new

On Friday, the Dow average closed 42.50 higher at 2,150.25.

WALL STREET

	Oct 7	Oct 6		Oct 7	Oct 6		Oct 7	Oct 6
AMR Cp	49¼	48	Fedders	10⅛	10⅜	Pennzoil	74⅝	73¼
ASA	38⅝	38¼	Fst Chicago	34⅛	33	Pepsico	40	38⅝
Aetna Life	52⅜	51	Fst Int Bncp	50¼	49⅞	Pfizer	55⅝	55⅜
Allied Signal	34½	33⅝	Fst Penn C	12⅜	12⅛	Phelps Dod	44⅜	43⅝
Allis Chlm	½	⅝	FT Wachvia	39⅝	39⅝	Philip Mor	100⅝	97
Alcoa	55⅞	55⅛	Ford Motor	53⅜	51⅝	Philip Pet	19⅝	19⅛
Amax Inc	22	21⅛	GAF Cp	48⅝	48⅛	Pillsbury	57⅜	57⅛
AMR Hess	27⅝	26⅝	GTE Cp	43⅝	42⅝	Polaroid	39⅜	38⅝
Am Brands	54⅜	53⅝	Gen Cp	20⅝	20	Primerica	26⅝	25⅜
Am Cyanmd	50⅞	50	Gn Dynam	50⅞	50⅜	Proct Gble	80⅝	79⅜
Am Ele Pwr	27⅛	25⅞	Gen Electric	44	42⅞	Pub SE Gr	25⅛	24⅝
Ameax	28⅝	28	Gen Inst	27⅛	26⅝	R Nabisco	56⅛	55⅞
Am Family	13	13⅜	Gen Mills	53⅜	52⅜	Raytheon	73⅝	72⅛
Am Home	83	79⅝	Gen Motors	75⅝	74⅛	Rymkts Mell	53⅝	53
Am Int Grp	66⅛	67	Gen Pub Ut	37⅝	36⅛	Rockwell Int	22⅝	21⅞
Am Talph	26⅛	26⅝	Genesco	5⅞	5⅝	Royal Dutch	107⅞	105⅛
Amoco Cp	75	73	Georgia Pac	36⅝	36⅞	SFE Sopac	20	19⅝
Anheuser B	32⅝	31⅞	Gillette	35	34⅝	Sara Lee	44⅛	43⅝
Arch Dan	20⅛	20	Goodrich	57⅛	57⅛	Schlumb	33⅜	32⅝
Armco Steel	10⅞	10⅝	Goodyear	54⅞	54	Scott Paper	39⅛	38
Asarco Inc	25⅝	26⅛	Gould Inc	23⅜	23	Seagram	57⅝	55⅞
Ashland Oil	34⅜	33½	Grace Co	26⅝	25⅞	Sears Roeb	40⅛	39⅜
Atl Richfld	79⅛	77⅞	Grt Atl Pac	46⅞	47¼	Sec Pac	39⅞	39⅜
Avon Prod	25⅜	24⅝	Greyhnd	35⅝	35	Shell Trans	67⅜	66⅛
Bk Boston	27⅞	27⅝	Grum an	22⅜	22⅜	Smith Beck	48	46⅝
Bank NY	35⅝	34⅝	Gulf Westn	39⅞	39⅛	Sony Cp	47	45⅛
Bankamer	16	16	Heinz	47⅛	47	SW Bell	41	39⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	39⅝	37⅞	Hercules	47⅛	46⅜	Squibb	67⅜	64⅝
Baxter	17⅞	17⅛	Hewlett Pk	49⅝	49⅜	Sun Comp	57⅛	56⅛
Beth Steel	21⅜	21⅛	Honeywell	64	63⅞	TDK	63⅞	61⅞
Boeing	65⅛	64⅜	IC Ind	36⅞	37⅛	TRW Inc	47⅜	46⅝
Boise Casc	44⅜	44⅜	ITT Cp	50⅝	49½	Teledyne	333⅜	329⅝
Bordan	56⅛	54⅞	INCO	30⅜	30⅜	Tenneco	48½	47⅜
Bristl Meyr	45⅞	44	Ing Rand Wt	35⅝	34½	Texaco	44⅝	44⅛
BP	49⅝	49½	Inland Steel	38⅞	37⅝	Tex Eastn	26	25⅝
Brunswick	20	19⅝	IBM	115⅞	114	Texas Inst	39	39⅜
Burl Nth	71⅝	71⅝	Int Paper	45⅞	44⅝	Tex Util	28⅜	27⅞
CBS	177⅜	176	Irving Bk	75⅝	74⅛	Textron	26⅝	26
CMS Engy	23	23	Jhsn & Jhsn	67⅞	66⅝	Thrustare	35	35⅞
CPC Int	54⅛	53⅛	K Mart	38⅝	37⅞	Tr Cp	100⅛	98⅝
CSX Cp	30⅝	30⅝	Kaisertech	18⅝	18⅝	USG Cp	7⅞	7⅞
Camp Soup	32⅛	30⅝	Kerr McGee	37⅞	37	USX Cp	27⅞	27⅝
Can Pacific	17⅞	17⅞	Kimbrly Clrk	61⅜	60⅝	Unilever Plc	32⅜	31⅝
Caterpillar	59⅝	58⅝	Kraft	60⅝	59⅝	Un Carbide	25⅞	25⅞
Centrl SW	32⅛	31⅞	Kroger	57⅜	56⅝	Un Pac Cp	59	58⅛
Champion	32⅝	32⅜	LTV Cp	2⅜	2⅛	Unisys Cp	30⅝	30⅜
Chase Man	29⅛	28⅝	Litton	73⅝	72	Unit Brand	17⅝	17⅝
Chem Bank	31⅝	31	Lockheed	43⅛	42⅝	Us West	58⅛	57⅝
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Digital Eq	89½	88⅞	Nat Md Ent	23⅜	23	Hawk S Can	21⅞	21⅛
Disney	65⅝	64⅛	Nat Semi	9	9	Hud Bay M	19⅝	19⅛
Dow Chem	90⅝	89½	Norfolk Sth	30	29⅝	Imasco	28⅝	28
Dressr Ind	28½	28⅝	NW Bancrp	34⅝	34⅛	Imperial Oil	50⅝	50
Dupont	81⅛	80⅛	Occid Pet	29⅝	29⅛	Inco	36⅝	36⅞
Duke Pwr	47⅛	46	Ogden Cp	32⅝	31½	Royl Trstco	16⅞	16⅝
East Kodak	47⅜	46⅞	Olin Cp	47⅜	47½	Seagram	68⅛	67⅛
Eaton Cp	52⅝	52⅝	PPG Ind	45	44	Shelco 'A'	40⅝	40
Emerson El	30⅞	29⅞	Pac Enterp	46⅛	46	Thmsn N 'A'	29⅝	28
Emery Air	5⅝	5⅛	Pac Gas El	17⅜	17⅛	Varity Cp	3.50	3.20
Exxon	45⅝	44⅝	Pan Am	2⅝	2⅝	WCT	16⅝	16⅝
Farah Inc	11⅛	11⅛	Penney JC	62⅝	61⅞	Weston	35	34⅝

WORLD MARKETS

HK shares achieve a strong advance

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Prices closed sharply higher yesterday, helped by strong local and overseas demand. The Hang Seng index rose 87.55 points, or 3.5 per cent, to 2,566.42 and turnover reached a three-month high of HK$1.18 billion (£88.92 million), up from Friday's HK$667.62 million.

Brokers noted buying across the board. An analyst at a US broker said: "The market is well supported and the interest is widespread." Chart analysts said that they expected the index to top 2,600 soon. One said: "It should have little difficulty in reaching 2,700."

● Sydney — Shares closed higher but below the day's highs in lacklustre trading, brokers said. They said that the market "started with a bang" following the 42-point gain on Wall Street on Friday, but then drifted because of lack of buying.

The Tokyo stock market was closed for a national holiday

One broker said: "The market is not in a buying mood." Investors were cautious, awaiting further leads from other markets.

By the close of floor-trading, the All-Ordinaries Index was up 9.4 points at 1,535.2. But the industrial sector gained the most ground, with the All-Industrials Index rising 16 to 2,542.4. The gold marker rose 9.9 to 1,606.2 and the All-Resources Index 4.6 to 780.8.

● Singapore — The market closed firm across the board on continued bargain-hunting, spurred by Friday's rally on Wall Street, brokers said. But trading was quiet and most institutional investors were reluctant to take up new positions with a holiday in Tokyo.

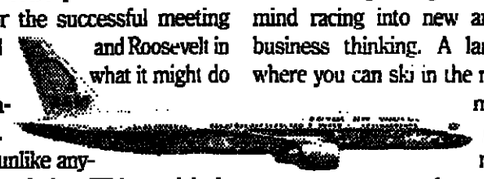
The *Straits Times'* Industrial Index rose 12.63 points to 1,015.90. Turnover increased slightly to 17.8 million shares compared with Friday's 15.3 million. Rises outnumbered falls by 138 to 17. Brokers said that most of the gains occurred in the first hour and intermittent profit-taking pared them later.



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TECHNOLOGY

New tune for radio

Richard Lambley analyses a new radio broadcasting system which promises listeners unprecedented convenience, flexibility and quality of sound

An imaginative project by the European Community is applying the virtues of compact disc audio technology to radio broadcasting. By the early 1990s we could be enjoying the benefits of fumble-free reception.

As BBC Radio 1 expands its infant VHF/FM network towards national coverage, a new body of listeners is experiencing, often for the first time, the clarity FM can bring.

But radio engineers are already working on a third-generation technology – an entirely new radio broadcasting system which promises unprecedented convenience, flexibility and sound quality.

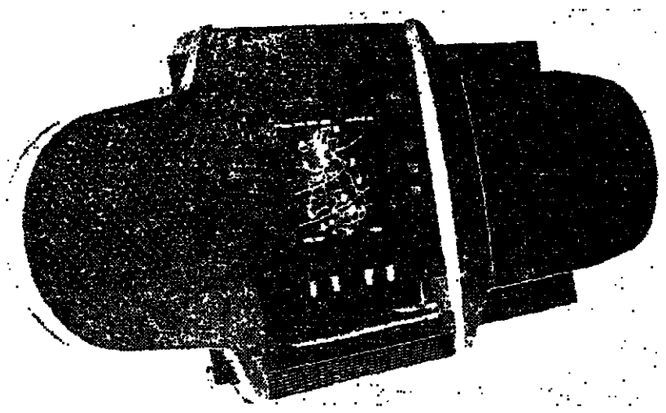
The hard truth about FM is that, for listeners and broadcasters alike, it has never been a total success. FM sets can be fiddly to tune and the frequencies you're looking for are difficult to remember.

Portable sets need a telescopic antenna which is inconvenient and fragile. In the car, fadeouts are a frequent nuisance and retuning is necessary whenever you travel from one transmitter's coverage area to another's.

With the new system now being developed, a single omnibus transmission will carry up to 16 radio programmes simultaneously. They will be in stereo and with digital quality comparable with that of compact disc.

Uncomplicated, fixed-tuned receivers will pick up the whole radio multiplex at once. Selecting a programme will become just a matter of pressing one of 16 buttons.

Though technically complex, there is a big payoff which comes when a direct signal from the transmitter is accompanied by delayed signals, reflected by buildings or terrain.



The digital radio of the future as seen by Bristol-based Kinneir Dufort Design

Compact disc players mask defects in a disc by reconstructing the music from data scattered elsewhere on its surface. In the same way, the new radios will recover missing information and so should give faultless sound under the most difficult conditions.

Representatives of the European Broadcasting Union were given a foretaste of digital radio's potential in a demonstration at Geneva last month. An experimental receiver fitted to a vehicle proved to work perfectly wherever it went – even behind buildings and under bridges – with no interruptions or changes in sound quality.

Probably a radio service of this kind would need to be satellite-delivered, rather than terrestrial as the Geneva demonstration was. But, in contrast to other satellite services, a curious property of the complex digital coding scheme is that any radio shadows cast by high ground or large buildings could be filled in simply by adding a ground-based transmitter on the same frequency. So there need be no wasteful repetition of the same programme on several frequencies.

Spare capacity in the transmission could carry data associated with the programmes. It is not hard to imagine a receiver having a built-in screen surrounded by those 16 push-buttons, each one identified by a label supplied and updated by the transmission itself.

The same screen could display the programme billing, the day's recipe or the station's phone-in number. Such features are possible to a limited extent with the RDS Radio Data System, launched recently by the BBC and due to be added to FM broadcasts throughout Europe.

But despite the convenience of RDS radios with their automated tuning, many engineers see RDS as a stop-gap solution, to tide the broadcasters over until they and their listeners can benefit from the user friendliness and high performance of digital radio.

Details of the new system are still being worked out. But the major problem is that it will need a slot of its own in the radio spectrum, ideally within the range 500-2000MHz.

However, this part of the spectrum is already spoken for, and indeed is much coveted by other new services such as mobile radio and cordless PABX systems.

PERSPECTIVE

Linking in to a phone problem

After the computer industry's controversy on networking comes a new area of disagreement – that of the standards push. With every man and his dog writing "standards" you can be sure that the industry is about to enter its old age fairly shortly.

The European telecommunications authorities have set up international digital networks based on what is known as X.25.

But mention X.25 to most computer suppliers and they tend to turn green around the gills. Quite often they will tell you that their version is coming, but right now it is "still with the approvals people". And there lies the true reason for the discomfort of suppliers – the magic word Teleprove.

Teleprove is the branch of British Telecom charged with the task of ensuring that any piece of equipment you want to connect to the telephone network is safe.

Generally, they are viewed as the people who get in the way of other people selling or buying the equipment which is needed to run their business.

In actual fact – and no, I do not have any BT shares – Teleprove are the people who make sure that some other person does not ruin your communications, not to mention your equipment and long-term health.

Approved equipment is guaranteed not to produce any output which may get under the skin of the office equipment and break it. Customers can therefore be reasonably confident that their communications will not be disrupted by anyone else breaking the network.



David Bethel . . . on the difficulties of getting approval for business equipment to be linked into the BT network

Perhaps more importantly, the approvals also test equipment for a level of user safety so that users can be sure that the attached equipment will not get under their own skin and break it.

Having an approvals board gives the UK the best compromise between choice and security. However, the approvals procedure is not cheap and this cost gets passed on to the user.

In reality though, when this cost is spread over the number of sales that a good product can achieve, the extra cost becomes small compared to the margins and overheads of a monopoly supplier.

It could be said that BT still maintains a monopoly in the approvals board. This is true, unless you consider the part that Mercury Communications plays in the matter.

Users requiring X.25 have the choice of using either BT's Packet Switchstream (PSS) network or Mercury 5100. To connect to Mercury you do not require any approvals other than saying your equipment conforms to X.25.

Dealing with Teleprove has become less time consuming as British Telecom has been subjected to dual pressures of interested shareholders and market competition.

That aside however, there are still some suppliers experiencing problems with gaining approvals.

Some, but not all of these problems can be attributed to faulty communications between the suppliers and Teleprove. There is absolutely no point in simply filling in the forms from Teleprove and then sitting back and waiting for the approval to come through.

Once all the parts of the testing are done the relieved supplier can sell the approved package to the expectant buyer and everyone is happy – that is, until the next stage of the International Packet Switched network comes along.

Approvals have always required a lot of effort to acquire and that effort tends to be viewed by suppliers as a waste of their resources. But although there is a lot of work such effort is useful.

Remember what Tom Lehrer said about people who spend hours bemoaning the fact that they can't communicate: "I feel that if a person can't communicate, the very least he can do is to shut up."

The author is managing director of Arix – a company which sells mid-range minicomputers.

Intelligent alarm that's foolproof

A British company last week launched what it claims is the world's first "intelligent" burglar detector and incapable of giving false alarms, *writes Robert Mathews.*

The result of a £2 million investment by Nottingham-based Abbey Security International, the £1,500 detector can tell the difference between ordinary noises and those generated in the course of a break-in.

A detector unit with an electronic "ear" listens for noises that fit a pre-programmed library of noises – for instance, breaking glass followed by footsteps. When it hears any, it opens up a telephone line to a central HQ. There, supervisors listen in and decide whether the noises agree with the device's diagnosis. If so, the police are called.

Last year, one million false alarms were generated, about 98 per cent of which were the result of faulty use or equipment. They cost an estimated £28 million of police time.

The new system, as well as eliminating false alarms, is claimed to be able to give information about intruders, including how many and personal details that may be gleaned from overheard conversations.

Matthew May on the speech synthesizer reading machine

A boon for the blind



David Ticchi, of Kurzweil demonstrates the machine that can turn the written word into computer generated speech.

A portable reading machine for the blind and partially sighted, announced last week, uses a speech synthesizer to read out instantly typewritten or typeset material.

The Personal Reader uses a speech chip that recognizes groups of characters as syllables and then produces words.

It includes nine voices – four adult male, four adult female and that of a child – to provide variety, and so that messages, such as a request to turn the page of a book, can be made in a different voice.

A talking calculator is also included and the system can be connected to IBM or Apple compatible PCs.

Developed by Kurzweil in the United States, the unit has American voices, though British and other European versions are planned.

The unit, which can be set to read at speeds ranging from 120 to 350 words a minute, can use either a hand-held scanner moved manually across text like a personal computer "mouse" or an automatic scanner which can read books or papers.

Advances in the technology, said the British distributors, Northampton-based Sight and Sound Technology, means the system can accurately use the inflections of normal spoken English and is far superior to the robotic monotones put out by older versions.

It is also cheaper, with a starting price of £8,000.

"The blind and visually impaired now have immediate access to the kind of printed or typewritten material which the sighted take for granted" says David Bradburn, director of Sight and Sound.

"Instead of having to wait for talking books or Braille versions to become available, users can now read the latest books, peruse professional journals and scan urgent or confidential business correspondence in complete privacy," he added.

The system is on show until Thursday at the Naidex exhibition at London's Alexandra Place and will then be on display at other locations in the UK throughout October.

Digital link with Tandy

Digital Equipment is to sell personal computers made for it by the Tandy Corporation, *writes Matthew May.*

As the world's second largest computer company, Digital has been curiously absent from the market for PCs since four years ago when it abandoned its Rainbow personal computer after dismal sales.

Under an agreement announced last week, Digital will order PCs from Tandy to its own specifications and sell them under the Digital brand name. Initially, they will be sold only in the US, moving to Europe later.

Recently, Digital has limited new products to the widening of its Vax minicomputer range, though last year it signed an agreement with Apple to develop links between their computers.

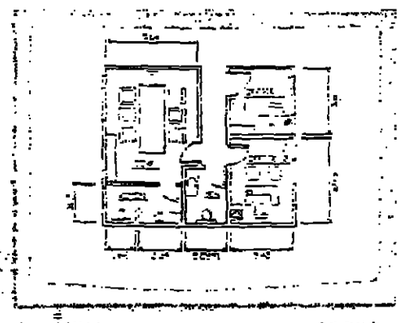
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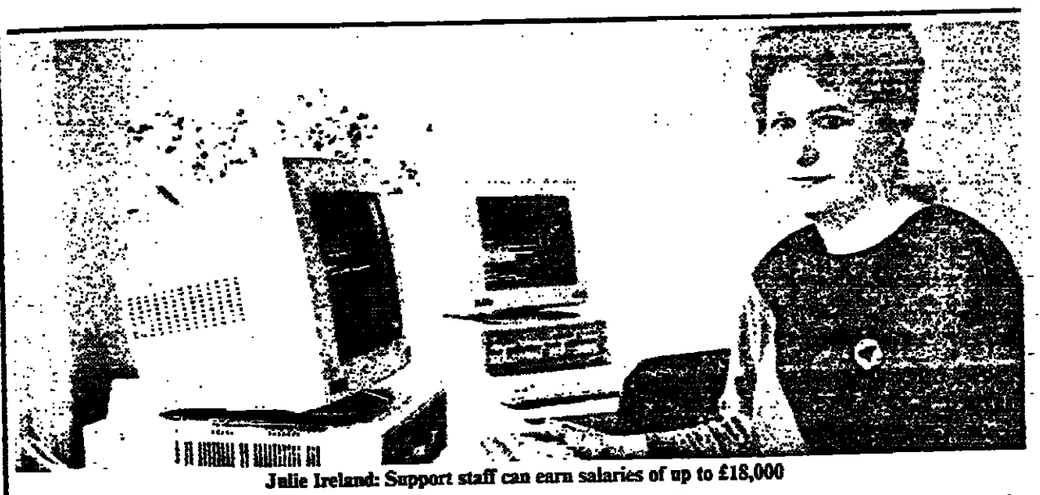
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TECHNOLOGY



Julie Ireland: Support staff can earn salaries of up to £18,000

Call for personal support

JOBSCENE

By Sean Hallahan

There is a growing demand for staff to support personal computers from customers, software houses, and hardware suppliers.

Apple Computer, for example, plans to increase its support staff from 14 to 30 over the next year while Lotus Development, the software house that produced the best-selling IBM PC spreadsheet, Lotus 1-2-3, went through a similar recruitment campaign earlier in the year.

Nor is it just suppliers which are looking for support staff. Large computer users are also looking for recruits, according to Julie Ireland, a director of Greythorne, a recruitment consultancy specializing in the PC market.

"About 40 per cent of all our permanent vacancies are for support staff – a big increase over last year. We have a lot of manufacturers on the hunt for them. One major manufacturer is looking for just over 30 people," Miss Ireland said.

A support person with just one year's experience can command a salary of about £12,000 but anyone with more experience can be looking for a salary of £16,000 to £18,000.

Martin Lawless of the executive recruitment consultants Slade Lawless, believes that companies are taking support more seriously and consequently recruiting a higher level of staff up to director.

"It is an interesting observation on our industry that, particularly with the US companies, jobs tend to be interchangeable," Mr Lawless said.

Senior support staff may well have had previous experience in sales and marketing within their own companies or with their previous firm.

Mr Lawless believes that the demand for support staff reflects a move toward a more service-oriented computer industry, coupled with the fact that many of the major suppliers get an increasing proportion of their revenues from installation and maintenance.

When personal computers are put into medium or large companies they are more often than not connected to either a minicomputer or a mainframe. When the PC was purely a desk top tool, used by itself, support was relatively easy.

Then the personal computer was usually bought from a dealer, came with a year's warranty and if it broke down the dealer could simply send in an engineer who could find and mend the fault on the spot.

In many cases that is no longer possible. If the machine is a part of a networked system or plays a vital role in an interconnected system it is not possible just to pull out the plug and carry the machine back to base.

Apple, which earlier this year entered into a deal with DEC, now has to employ support staff that have a wider understanding of computing in general.

"We are not talking about putting a man in a van and sending him out on the road. We need people who understand networks and corporate computing. There are some dealers who will rise to this challenge and we do have some who specialize in this area," said one Apple manager.

Out of 62 staff employed by Lotus in Britain, about around 30 per cent are now employed in support.

If the first part of the 1980s were the years of the PC manufacturers, dealers and software houses then the last could belong to those who support the systems

Only three weeks to go

More than £20,000 worth of prizes are on offer to the winners of the 1988 UK Technology Press Awards, sponsored by *The Times* and Hewlett-Packard.

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Editors may also nominate candidates who have worked on their publications and can send in entries on their behalf which should consist of a maximum of three examples of published or broadcast work for each of the nine categories.

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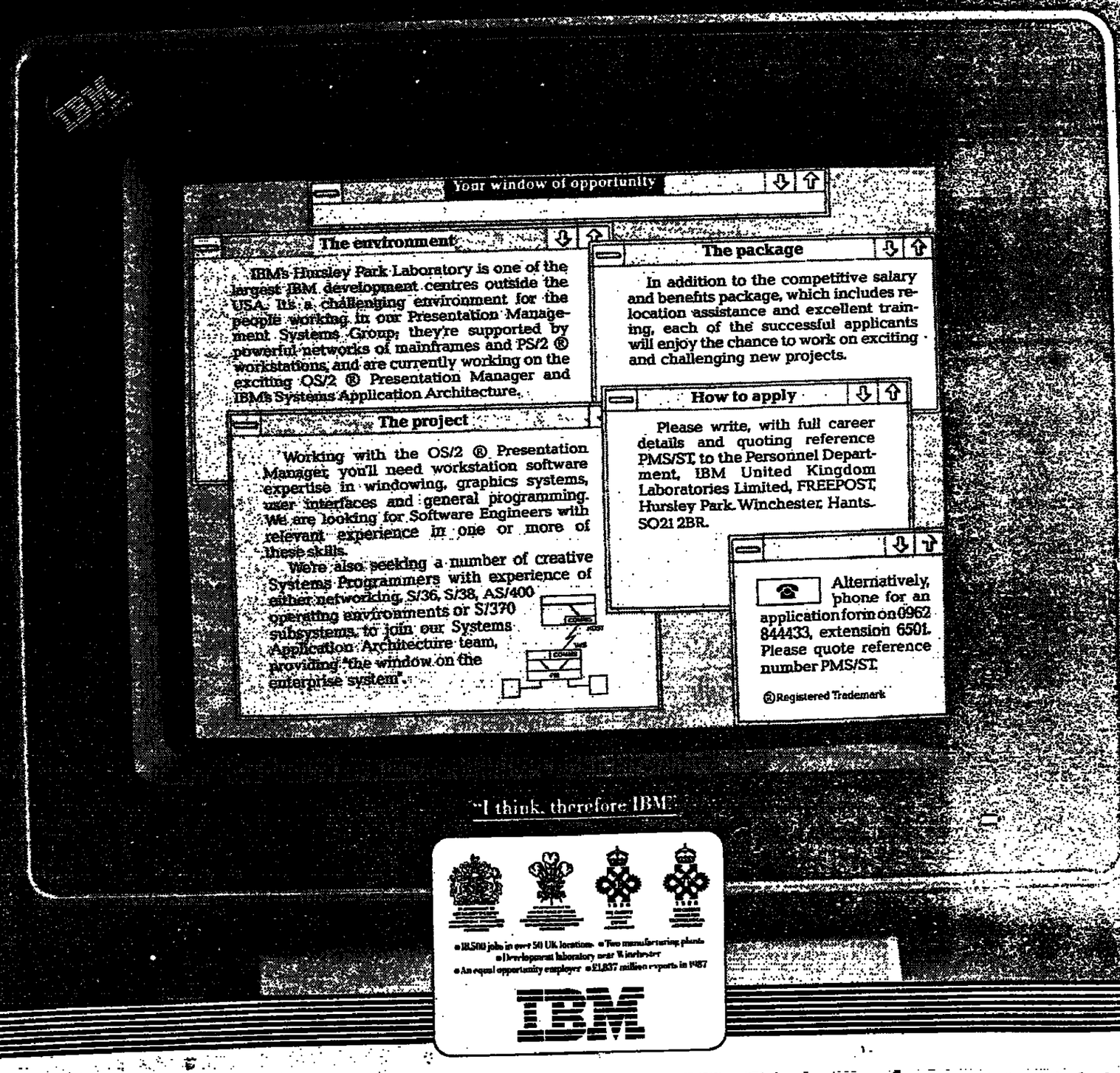
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Captain Graham Jenkins is a British Airways pilot with a manner that inspires confidence. "I got back yesterday from Kuala Lumpur, via Abu Dhabi, Bangkok, Bahrain . . . ." he said, listing the names of the places he reaches by Tristar. "When I'm not flying, I'm behind that mahogany bomber," he said, pointing to a desk in his executive office near Heathrow airport.

Captain Jenkins, aged 51, began his career in the Foreign Office, then trained with the Canadian Air Force and spent several years in the RAF, before joining British European Airways. These days he chooses destinations to suit the other half of his professional life as BA's deputy general manager (flight crew — combining flying with administrative duties, as is normal among senior staff.

Being a practising pilot provides a contrast, and an insight into managerial responsibilities. Those include managing pilot schedules, where crew stay overnight (BA pilots' overseas expenses total £50 million annually), handling industrial relations, postings, promotions and recruitment.

British Airways, with 2,460 pilots — half those who fly commercially in this country — is recruiting up to 250 a year for the foreseeable future, including those with experience who come through direct entry. Other airlines, from Dan Air to British Midland, have also been recruiting to meet the boom in air travel, which shows no signs of waning.

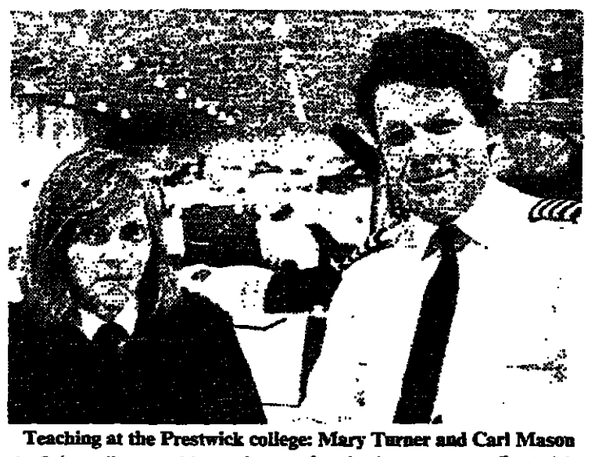
After 30 years, Captain Jenkins still enjoys the challenges and the excitement of flying: "I still remember breaking through cloud and seeing Rio de Janeiro at dawn." At Heathrow, his diary is lined with meetings, such as with the British Airline Pilots' Association or with a pilot selection working group.

Nearly 7,000 applications were received during 1987-88 for BA's sponsored pilot training. Of those, 1,500 candidates were interviewed and 149 were eventually accepted.

Most are at or will attend the £20 million British Aerospace Flying College at Prestwick, near Ayr, which opened in November last year. Among the first recruits is Karen Jones, the daughter of a retired BA pilot, who, she says, disapproves of women aiming to be captains.

Miss Jones, aged 21, with a degree in chemical oceanography and marine biology, was one of a tiny proportion of women among those aged 18 to 24 sent to Prestwick. "I had hoped there would be more; we budgeted for 10 per cent, but they are below 5 per cent," Captain Jenkins said.

The 64-week intense course at the flying college would cost about £60,000 in the open market (there is a quartet of fee-paying flying schools). The college is a commercial BAe initiative, sited beside the BAe factory, next to an Air Sea Rescue base and an international airport. Most places are reserved for British Airways-sponsored students but there are trainees from Gulf Air and Cathay Pacific. By next year there will be 250 resident places.



Teaching at the Prestwick college: Mary Turner and Carl Mason

In the hangar at the college sit nearly 50 new small planes, flyers named Bravos, Senecas and Piper Warriors, together worth millions of pounds.

"It's staggering to think you can train pilots on these and they are more than halfway to flying a jumbo." Mary Turner, the only female instructor at Prestwick, said. Married to a professional pilot, she started flying as a hobby: "I was an organic chemist at the time." Gradually flying took over and she ferried people and cargo all over Europe. The children — now aged five, seven and 10 — caused an interruption, until she joined the flying college last January after a refresher course. Now she earns about £25,000 a year.

Carl Mason, another instructor in his forties, used to fly to oil rigs in the North Sea. He took a drop in pay to leave that dangerous work. "Training hasn't been popular in the past," he said, adding that now, with strong demand for fully fledged pilots, it has a new and improved image. Most of the college's instructors have about 20 years' flying experience.

Miss Jones was typical in her appreciation of the course, which includes avionics (radio aids), meteorology, aerodynamics, aviation law and flight planning. She sat in mock-up cockpits with illuminated photographs of the instrument panels and studied planes in-flight on computers. Students go beyond the standards of the Civil Aviation Authority examinationss, gaining a UK Commercial Pilot's Licence/Instrument Rating while being prepared for a conversion course based on the specific type of plane they will fly as co-pilot.

"Delays are the biggest problem; there's not a lot you can do," Captain Brian Maher, aged 49, said. He was piloting a Dan Air BAC 1-11 returning from Zurich to Gatwick, having caught up time after an hour's delay leaving Britain "caused by air traffic".

He and his co-pilot Forbes Ramage, aged 33, said that commercial pressures were increasing, putting a heavy responsibility on them if they decide that time and fatigue demand an overnight stop abroad, with no relief crew.

Mr Ramage, BA-trained, joined BA helicopters in the North Sea, and was among those who went to the rescue after the Chinook crash in November 1986.

According to Captain Maher: "Flying is a bit like golf — there isn't the perfect trip (or round). That's why a lot of us play golf." He touched down, perfectly.

Training and safety cause the worries

As air traffic in Europe continues to rise, airlines struggle to meet demand and pilots are being overstretched. Airport delays mean longer hours at work, pushing them to the limits of safety. "We are concerned," said Air Commodore Freddy Yetman, technical director at the British Airline Pilots' Association (Balpa), based at Heathrow. "Pilots are coming to us to ask what we are going to do about it." He says there are no quick answers.

Balpa, with more than 6,000 professional members, works closely with airlines and the TUC on issues from safety to training. Some of its member pilots visit universities to help to recruit trainees. It is contactable at 81 New Road, Harlington, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 5BG (01-759 9331).

An accident last year at Denver in the United States may have happened because the pilots were inexperienced, according to Terry Middleton, executive administrator of the International Federation of Airline Pilots' Association.

"We are concerned that as international airlines attract more pilots, they take them from the regional carriers who have to find pilots from where they can," he said. The result was that those with a private pilots' licence but too little commercial flying experience were getting jobs. Only five or six years ago pilots were redundant: the dearth of work had now turned into a glut, he said.

The federation represents about 65,000 pilots in 72 countries and has offices in Egham, Surrey, in Mexico City and Montreal. It can be contacted by telephone on 0784 37361.

British Airways trainee pilots are recruited from men and women aged between 18 and 24. They need at least five passes at O level, or equivalent, and two at A level. They must be between 1.63 and 1.93 metres tall and have to pass a medical examination.

They are likely to attend the British Aerospace Flying College at Prestwick, near Ayr, where they receive pocket money (about £20 a week) and all expenses paid.

New recruits start on short-haul flights, and will be flying in the cockpit within a few weeks of leaving the college, at a starting pay of £16,500, which rises according to experience and age. A senior captain after at least 20 years' experience will earn £50,000-plus.

Holidays amount to 25 days a year. After a year's service, a cadet becomes eligible for concessional travel, at 10 per cent of normal fares.

Details of sponsored pilot training are available from British Airways, Cadet Pilot Recruitment, Meadowbank, BA, PO Box 59, Hounslow, Middlesex TW5 9QX.

Smaller airlines, such as Britannia, Dan Air and British Midland have their own recruiting programmes but not all sponsor training. Dan Air wants new entrants to have a private pilot's licence and some commercial experience.

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Circa £39K plus attractive benefits package
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Applications are considered on the basis of their suitability for the post(s) regardless of sex, sexual orientation, religion, racial origin, marital status, disablement or age.

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Job applicant packs are available from Personnel and Training Section, Bay 306, 3rd Floor, Bethnal Green Neighbourhood 255-279 Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green, London E2 or telephone 01-729 4369 or 01-729 5224 (answerphone). Please quote job reference. Completed forms must be returned by 25 October 1988.

BETHNAL GREEN neighbourhood

London Fire Brigade

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Deputy Chief Emergency Planning Officer

£22,146 to £24,378 pa inclusive plus lease car

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You should have an understanding of and commitment to the aims of the emergency planning function of the Authority and its statutory duties in this respect as well as having a knowledge of the operation of organisations and agencies involved in emergency planning. Experience in the area of strategic emergency planning and an awareness of the operational needs of an emergency service within a multi-racial urban environment is essential. You should also be an effective communicator, with experience of both writing and presenting reports and have proven organisational and analytical skills of a high order. You will need to demonstrate a clear understanding of the Authority's Equal Opportunities Policy and be able to manage and motivate a large multi-disciplinary staff group within this context.
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Application forms and further details from the Recruitment Section on 01-587 4860/4875 (ansaphones). Personnel Department, Room 607, Queensborough House, 12-18 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SD. Please quote ref: FB175.
Closing date: 21st October 1988.
The Authority has a positive equal opportunities policy and welcomes applicants from all sections of the community, particularly those presently under-represented e.g. women, black and ethnic minorities and people with disabilities.
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London Fire & Civil Defence Authority

SANDWELL HEALTH AUTHORITY

UNIT GENERAL MANAGER (ACUTE UNIT)

(UGM 2 - £26,775 + discretionary addition of 5% + performance related pay).

The vacancy arises from the retirement of the previous job holder. The unit has undergone a long period of expansion and development and the UGM will be required to maintain the services at its current high level. He/she will be expected to refine the management structure, to continue the development of initiatives to make the maximum use of the budget of about £21m, to progress resource management and enhance the quality of consumer services.

The Unit includes the 635 bed District General Hospital, opened in 1979 providing a full range of acute services. As a sub-regional centre, the Midland Centre for Neurosurgery and Neurology contains 81 beds, plus the professional department of Neurosurgery. The Centre has built up an international reputation for its clincial services and teaching and research activities.

The successful candidates will be able to demonstrate a record of achievement in management in a large organisation with particular skills in staff motivation and communication.

The post is offered on a rolling contract for a period of three years in the first instance.

Candidates wishing to have an informal discussion should contact the District General Manager, Mr. S. Lawley, at Kingston House, 438 High Street, West Bromwich, Tel No. 021 553 6151 Ext. 247.

Application forms, which should be returned by 1st November 1988, can be obtained from the Director of Personnel at the same address. Tel No. 021 553 6151 Ext. 205.

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For further information contact Keith Holland on 01-937 5464 ext 2179. For an application form call the Recruitment Service on 01-937 8562 quoting Ref No. 208. The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea – The Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 7NX.

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Please telephone 01-580-2020 x2136 (answerphone) for an application form and further details or write to Personnel Department, PCL, 309 Regent Street, London W1R 8AL quoting REF 6979. Closing date for receipt of completed application forms in 20th October 1988.

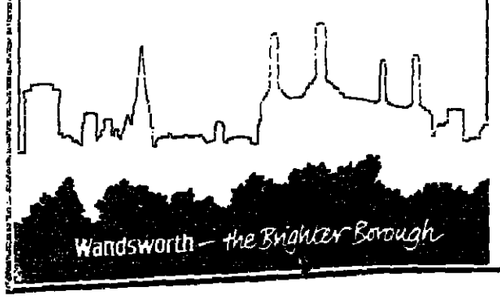
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For an informal discussion please contact Ken McQueen, Director of Technical Services on 01-871 6651.

For an application form, full job description and information pack please write to Technical Services – Personnel, Wandsworth Borough Council, The Town Hall, London SW18 2PU or telephone 01-871 6701 (24 hours answerphone) quoting reference 5100. Closing date for applications: 24th October 1988

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

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Further details and application form from County Personnel Officer, PO Box 11, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1LX (Tel. 0245 492211 ext. 24101).

Closing date: 4th November 1988.

Essex County Council

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For an informal discussion, contact John Langan, the District General Manager on 01-390 1111, extension 265.
An information package and an application form are available from the District Personnel Officer, 17 Upper Brighton Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 6LH. Tel: 01-390 1111-ext. 234.
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The salary will be within the Scale 6/SO1 but actual salary point will depend upon the skills and experience which you can offer.

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Closing date: 24th October 1988.

For further details and an application form please telephone Slough 875075, (24 hour answering service) or 875071, or write to the Personnel Section, Town Hall, Bath Road, Slough, Berks. SL1 3UQ.

A commitment towards the Council's Equal Opportunity Policy is essential.

We positively encourage applications from black people, and those from other ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and women where they are under-represented in the workforce.

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DUDLEY Metropolitan Borough
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University of Exeter

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Applications are invited from qualified accountants with appropriate experience in the public sector, industry, commerce or the professions and with the vision, drive and professional competence necessary to meet the new demands and challenges faced by the University.

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Salary will be within the range £19,605 - £22,910 p.a., with placement dependent on relevant experience.

Please telephone 0392 - 263100 (ansaphone service) or write for further details to the Personnel Office, University of Exeter, Exeter EX4 4QJ, quoting reference no. 3578. Closing date 19 October 1988.

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Stevenage and North Herts Divisions.
Court Clerk CC/PAD 8 - 17.
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Applicants should be competent to take without supervision, all types of Courts and will also be required to undertake certain administrative duties.

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The usual J.M.C. Conditions of Service will apply. A generous relocation package exists, including Mortgage subsidy, removal expenses etc, and further information may be obtained by telephoning me on Hitchin (0462) 3862 or my Deputy (Mr Boatwright) on Stephenage (0438) 74111.

Application forms obtainable from my Secretary at Hitchin must be returned not later than 28th October 1988.

David Barker Clerk to the Justices,
The Court House,
Bancroft,
Hitchin,
Herts.
SG5 1JY.

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required for Educational Trust. Payment by commission.

Reply to BOX J70.

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Working towards an equal opportunities policy.

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For further details, application form, contact: Jenny Davison, at NAWCH, Argyle House, 29/31 Euston Road, London, NW1 2SD. Telephone: 01-833 2041.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

SECRETARY/ EXAMINATIONS ASSISTANT
C £10,000

The College is a professional organisation conducting examinations for doctors wishing to specialise in obstetrics and gynaecology.

The Secretary/Examinations Assistant will be required to assist with the organisation of the College Membership and Diploma Examinations which are held in the United Kingdom and Overseas. Applicants should have a secretarial or administrative background. The person appointed will be required to work without supervision and to strict deadlines. Word processing skills would be an advantage although the intention is to computerise the system in the near future. The Salary will be £9,969 to £11,887 (under review) according to age and experience.

The College enjoys excellent working conditions which include free lunches, a flexible 35 hour week, 21 days leave plus public holidays and car parking.

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SANDWELL HEALTH AUTHORITY

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND INFORMATION

- REVENUE BUDGET £41M.
(Salary £29,790 + opportunity to *earn performance related pay*)

The post has been newly created following the promotion of the previous Director of Finance to be our District General Manager.

We are now seeking to appoint a qualified accountant with a special interest in information.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate a successful period in financial management of a large organisation.

The non financial information service is developing within the Authority and provides opportunity for new ideas.

Candidates wishing to have an informal discussion should contact the District General Manager, Mr. S. Lawley, at Kingston House, 438 High Street, West Bromwich, Tel No. 021 553 6151 Ext. 247.

Application forms, which should be returned by 1st November 1988, and an information package can be obtained from the Director of

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EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANCY ASSISTANT

Salary up to circa £14,000 plus Generous Relocation Package

We are looking for an experienced accounting technician or part qualified I.P.F.A. to undertake a wide range of duties including preparation of accounts, budgets and financial investigations.

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The Council is situated in a beautiful part of Devon bordering the sea. We offer a very generous relocation package including full reimbursement of legal and estate agents fees, removal costs and with temporary accommodation in appropriate cases.

Application form and job description available from Personnel Section, EDDC, Knowle, Sidmouth. Telephone: Sidmouth (039 55) 6551, ext. 354, or for an informal discussion contact Julian Kearsley, Deputy Treasurer, on ext. 411. Closing date: 20th October 1988.

This council has adopted a positive policy in respect of the employment of disabled people. 85E

BTO

The British Trust for Ornithology wishes to appoint a

Director of Development

This is a senior position involving responsibility for the growth and development of Britain's leading ornithological research organisation. The successful candidate will have a considerable knowledge of ornithology or ecology, and almost certainly several years' post-doctorial experience, together with enthusiasm and both leadership and entrepreneurial skills.

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Applications, together with the names and addresses of three referees, to the Administrator, British Trust for Ornithology, Beech Grove, Station Road, Tring, Herts HP23 5NR. Tel. 044 282 3461.

Closing date for applications, 14 November 1988.

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You must have a *proven ability at managerial level* in at least one of the areas of activity mentioned above.

It is also essential that you are aware of the principles of sound financial management and to this end an accounting qualification would be advantageous.

The post is only for a period of three years and is graded at Grade VII in the Open Structure. Salary will be within the range £16,557 to £21,819 per annum.

For an application form please write to:

Miss J D Painter, Royal Armouries, HM Tower of London, London EC4N 4AB or telephone 01-480 6358 extn. 352

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LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

Director of Education and Training

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The successful candidate, who will be commercially aware and have proven organisational ability, will probably have a legal or academic background and will relish the challenge of creative responsibility for co-ordinating the many facets of education and training.

A substantial package of salary and benefits is envisaged.

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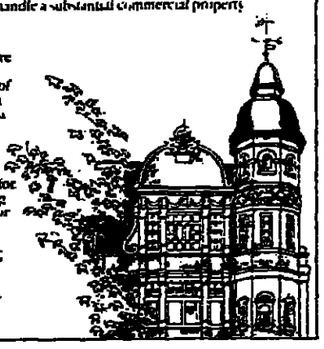
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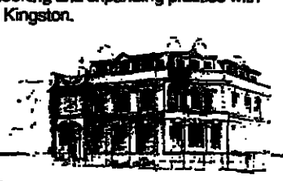
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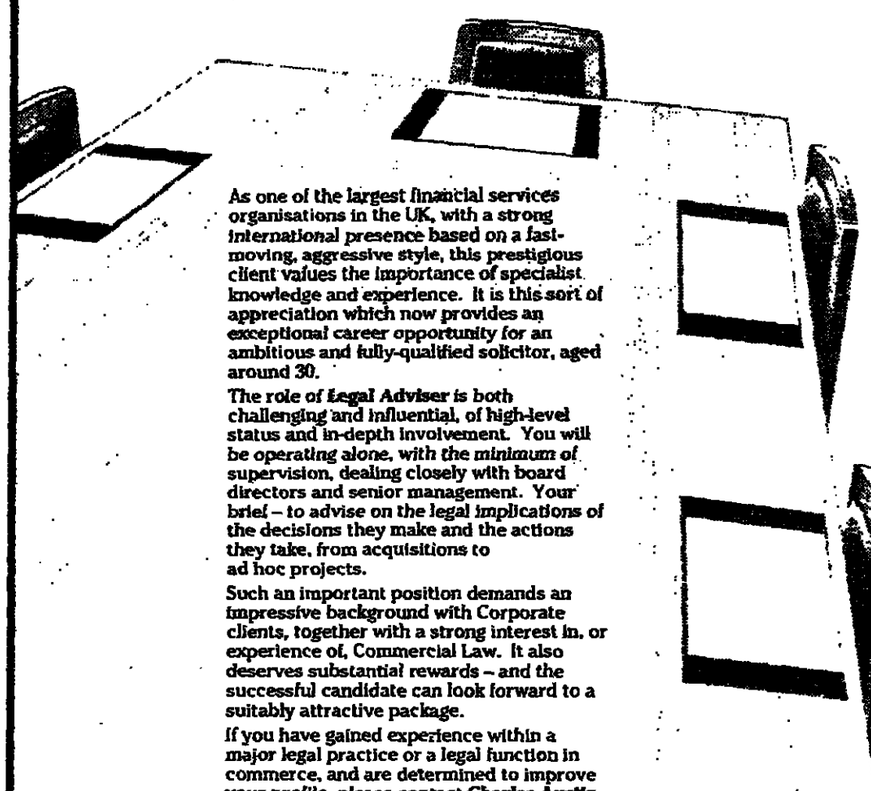
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Paying for the Piper blaze

I spent an afternoon with two of the wives. It was distressing. They had obviously both loved their husbands very much and the fact that they didn't have the bodies made everything much worse. By the time I went home that evening I felt completely wrung out



As the cost is being counted of the Piper Alpha disaster in which 167 oilmen perished, Edward Fennell reports on Scotland's traditional "men of business" who will handle claims by the victims' families

David Burnside is an advocate and a partner in the Aberdeen firm of Clark & Wallace. He is also spokesman for the main group of solicitors acting for families of the Piper Alpha victims. He is used to cases of industrial accidents, but the scale and nature of the disaster, especially coming so soon after the Chinook helicopter crash in which 45 men died, is affecting him greatly.

His firm is acting for the families of 12 of the deceased so he is fully aware of the misery behind the process of negotiation and the wrangle over compensation.

The oil business is still the regulator which governs the temperature of the Aberdeen economy. And events such as Piper Alpha underline its importance to the city. The consumer spending on Union Street and the success of the local hotels, leisure and housing markets have risen and fallen in line with the price of oil.

The result is that most of the leading firms of accountants and solicitors now find themselves working one way or another for people in the oil business. Whether someone is setting up a diving company or running a disco, the money is likely to be coming from oil.

The law firm most conspicuously involved in all this is Paull & Williamsons, which has been the leading legal light on the Aberdeen scene for generations and which now has almost all of the big oil companies among its clients.

The managing partner, Mike Park, is acting for Occidental over the Piper Alpha negotiations but is tight-lipped about most of his work. All he will concede is that through working so extensively with Americans, the firm has switched to an American office-style not too different from the big international firms in London.

Mr Park joined with Mr Burnside and Patrick Davies (of Milne Mackinnon & Peterkins and chairman of the Piper Alpha Disaster Group) to assert the Scottish solicitor's traditional role as "the man of business" to whom the ordinary citizen can turn for any kind of transaction.

As such, men like Mr Park and Mr Burnside are also concerned with the running of their firms' estate agencies (where the lawyers dominate the market) as well as doing criminal, personal, probate, divorce and tax work.

Unlike their English and Welsh cousins, Aberdonians have not allowed the accountants to walk away with a lot of their traditional business. Arthur Andersen, however, has walked away from Aberdeen. Though it had quite a lot of referred work in the area, the local partners were unable to attract clients who generated the kind of "special work" arising from management buy-outs or acquisitions.

Managing the office, therefore, "became a bit of a head-ache", I was told by an Andersen spokesman. So the decision was taken to close down the operation.

Hugh Munro , now a partner in Arthur Young, the accountants, but formerly with Andersen's, disagreed with this move. As an Aberdonian, he believes deeply in the city and felt Andersen's were making a mistake. He is now working assiduously building up a clientele for AY among the middle-ranking but growing local firms where, he believes, the future of the practice must lie.

Following takeovers of many of its big-name Scottish clients, AY has not had a comfortable ride in Scotland recently and it clearly needs someone with Mr Munro's determination and commitment to make the place go again. As Simon Hare-Scott of Peat Marwick McLintock confirmed, Munro's appointment makes AY a real force again on the local scene.

Mr Hare-Scott is an expert on the oil scene who had years of experience of the industry in the West Indies before coming to Scotland. In particular, his antennae are well-tuned to the local oil servicing-contractors where business has been pretty quiet in the last couple of years. These smaller companies may have survived the slump of the mid-1980s but they certainly aren't thriving.

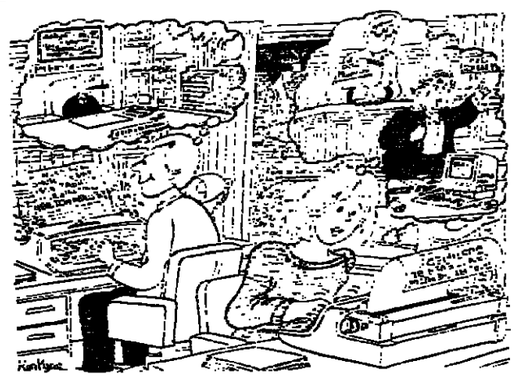
Ironically, the Piper Alpha affair and the new health and safety regime which may result could be the stimulus which groups such as diving companies need to get them back into real profitability.

"Are the results of the Department of Energy's inquiry going to create a mini service industry boom for Aberdeen?", pondered Mr Hare-Scott as he reflected on those of his clients who have been very busy indeed in the aftermath of the accident.

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Cold comfort for victims

LEGAL BRIEF

Making offenders compensate their victims is harder than it sounds, says Dr David Thomas

The Government has made clear its wish that courts should order offenders to pay compensation to their victims, particularly in cases of violence. Guidelines as to the appropriate amount of compensation in cases of personal injury, based on the awards made by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, have been sent to courts, and the Criminal Justice Act 1988 contains a provision coming into force this week requiring any court which fails to make a compensation order, in a case where it has power to do so, to state its reasons.

This provision allows no exceptions, so that (for instance) it will shortly be necessary for a judge who sentences a convicted murderer to life imprisonment (and thereby deprives him in most cases of any prospect of paying compensation within a reasonable time) to explain why he is not making a compensation order in favour of the relatives of the victim.

This requirement apart, the idea that violent offenders should compensate their victims seems so obviously sensible that many may wonder why courts need any encouragement to use the powers to order compensation which they have had available for 15 years.

Unfortunately, ordering offenders, and particularly violent offenders, to pay compensation to their victims is not so simple in practice. As a means of compensating victims (as opposed to punishing offenders) it is highly selective – it can operate only in favour of those victims whose assailants are detected and successfully prosecuted. It is no help to those whose attackers are not apprehended, who must rely on the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; while the Board provides compensation to victims of serious violence out of public funds, irrespective of whether the person responsible is brought to court, it is prevented from making any award of less than £550.

Many victims of less serious violence, whose injuries would entitle them to an award which falls below this limit, and whose assailants are not convicted, will inevitably go uncompensated.

The second weakness of a system of compensation paid by offenders is that it depends on the means of the offender. A victim whose assailant has readily available assets from which compensation can be paid may quickly receive the full amount to which he is entitled, but in most cases the compensation will be ordered to be paid out of future earnings.

This will often place the sentencing court in a dilemma, particularly in a case of serious violence for which normal sentencing practice requires a custodial sentence. If the court passes a custodial sentence, the offender will lose his source of income and thus his ability to pay compensation; if the court imposes a non-custodial sentence, in order to allow the offender to keep his job and pay compensation, the deterrent effect of the sentencing policy may be weakened.

There is also a risk of objectionable discrimination between employed and unemployed offenders, if the unemployed offender guilty of a similar offence, with no realistic prospects of paying a substantial amount of compensation within a reasonable time, continues to be sent to custody.

This problem is frequently compounded by the difficulty of assessing the genuineness of the offender's offer to pay compensation. There are many examples of cases where an offender facing a custodial sentence has caused his advocate to present the trial court with a rosy picture of his financial state, with a view to persuading the court to make a compensation order coupled with a non-custodial sentence, and later appealed against the compensation order on the grounds that the information presented to the trial court was inaccurate, and there is no possibility of the order being satisfied.

If this stratagem works in the Crown Court, the offender escapes all effective penalty, as the non-custodial sentence cannot be touched by the Court of Appeal.

Even where a compensation order is made by a criminal court against an offender, there is no guarantee that the victim will actually receive compensation, or receive it in a form which is of much use to him. The vast majority of compensation orders (over 80 per cent in a recent study) are ordered to be paid by instalments, and instalments are usually relatively small (90 per cent in the same study were for less than £10 per week).

A victim in whose favour a court makes a compensation order for £550 (the amount suggested for a minor injury causing reasonable absence from work for about three weeks), will usually find that he receives payment by small instalments, stretching out over a year or more, and not always regularly maintained. While small compensation orders are usually paid, larger orders (over £100) have a higher default rate.

Here, it might be supposed, the Government would be keen to follow up its emphasis on the payment of compensation by offenders by strengthening the law against defaulters, but the effect of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 is quite the reverse.

The Act reduces the maximum terms of imprisonment which compensation order defaulters may be ordered to serve, so that (for instance) the maximum term in default of payment of a compensation order of £1,000 will soon be 30 days.

Simple economics suggest that for many violent offenders ordered to pay compensation as a result of the Government's initiative, and particularly those sentenced to a term of immediate imprisonment for the offence, serving the default term rather than paying compensation will be the more attractive alternative, as few of them are likely to be earning the £500 per week that the new scheme of default terms seems to adopt as its basis.

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European Law Report — Luxembourg

Power of European Parliament to bring annulment case

European Parliament v Council of the European Communities
Case 302/87

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President and Judges G. Bosco, O. Due, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, T. Koopmans, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann, Y. Galmot, C. N. Kakouris, R. Joliet, T. F. O'Higgins and F. A. Schockweiler

Advocate General M. Darmon (Opinion May 26, 1988)

[Judgment September 27]

The European Parliament had no *locus standi* to bring an action for the review of the legality of acts of the Council or the Commission under the first paragraph of article 173 of the EEC Treaty.

The European Parliament brought an action pursuant to the first paragraph of article 173 for a declaration that Council Decision No 87/373/EEC of July 13, 1987 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ No L 197, p33).

By that decision the Council defined the conditions which it might attach to the exercise of the powers delegated to the Commission for the implementation of rules which it established and adopted provisions governing the composition, procedure and the role of committees of representatives of the member states who might be invited to take part.

The Council raised an objection to the admissibility of the action pursuant to the first paragraph of article 91 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

The Council argued that the first paragraph of article 173 did not expressly provide that the Parliament might bring an action for annulment. The possibilities of intervening or of bringing an action for failure to act, which were available to the Parliament, were independent of the action for annulment.

In its judgment on the Council's objection, the Court of Justice of the European Communities held as follows:

It was first necessary to note that the parties had correctly placed the dispute in the context of the first paragraph of article 173 of the Treaty. That paragraph made a distinction between the right of action of institutions, dealt with in the first paragraph, and the right of action of natural or legal persons, dealt with in the second paragraph. The Parliament, which was one of the institutions of the Community, was not a legal person.

It was apparent from the terms of the first paragraph of article 175 of the treaty that the Parliament had the right to bring an action to establish the failure of the Commission or of the Council to act and thereby to bring an end to any paralysis of the decision-making procedures which might prevent it from exercising its powers.

The Parliament also had the possibility of making itself heard before the Court by intervening in cases before it, as was clear from article 37 of the Protocol on the Statute of the Court.

It did not follow from those rights that it should be accepted that the Parliament had a right to bring an action for annulment.

There was no necessary link between an action for annulment and an action for failure to act. That followed from the fact that an action for failure to act enabled the Parliament to instigate the adoption of acts which could not necessarily be subject to an action for annulment.

The Parliament also argued that in the absence of a right to bring an action for annulment it would be impossible for it to challenge an express refusal by the Council or the Commission to act, after having been invited to do so in accordance with article 175.

However, such a refusal to act could be brought before the Court on the basis of article 175 where it did not put an end to the failure to act.

Nor was there any necessary connection between the right to intervene and the possibility of bringing an action. On the one hand, under article 37 of the Protocol on the Statute of the Court, the right of individuals to intervene required them merely to have "an interest in the result of any case submitted to the court" while the admissibility of an action for annulment by such persons was subject to the condition that they were either the addressees of the act whose annulment they sought or that they were directly and individually concerned by it.

On the other hand, pursuant to the first paragraph of article 37, the European Parliament had the right to intervene in cases such as those relating to the failure of member states to fulfil their obligations, while only the Commission and other member states might initiate such actions.

Though the Court had ruled, in Case 294/83 *Les Verts v Parliament* ([1986] ECR 1339) that an action for annulment might lie against measures adopted by the European Parliament which were intended to have legal effects *vis-à-vis* third parties, that was because an interpretation which excluded such measures from the scope of that action would have led to a result contrary to the scheme of the Treaty which was to make a direct action available against all measures adopted by the institutions which were intended to have legal effects.

A comparison between articles 38 and 33 of the ECSC Treaty demonstrated however that, in the scheme of the Treaties, where acts of the Parliament were subject to legal control, it had not, however, been given the power to initiate direct actions against the acts of other institutions.

The Parliament's argument that there must be a parallel between the capacities of a defendant and of an applicant in actions for annulment had therefore to be rejected.

The Parliament also argued that in the absence of a power to bring an action for annulment, it would not be in a position to defend its own prerogatives *vis-à-vis* the other institutions.

Those prerogatives had been increased by the Single European Act which included a joint decision-making power for the Parliament with regard to accession and association agreements and which established a co-operation procedure in certain specific cases, without however having made any amendment to article 173 of the EEC Treaty.

In addition to the rights conferred upon the Parliament by article 175, referred to above, the Treaty provided the means for acts of the Council which had been adopted in infringement of the Parliament's prerogative to be submitted to judicial review by the Court.

Although the first paragraph of article 173 gave a general right to the member states to seek the annulment of such acts, article 155 of the Treaty more specifically gave the Commission the responsibility of ensuring that the prerogatives of the Parliament were observed and, for that purpose, to bring any actions for annulment which might appear necessary.

Moreover, any natural or legal person might, in the event of infringement of the prerogatives of the Parliament, rely upon an infringement of an essential procedural requirement or an infringement of the Treaty in order to obtain the annulment of the act adopted or a declaration of the inapplicability of such an act on the basis of article 184 of the Treaty.

Similarly, the illegality of an act on the grounds of infringement of the Parliament's prerogatives might be raised before a national court and the act in question might be the subject of a reference for a preliminary ruling to the Court for a review of its validity.

It followed from all of the foregoing that the present state of the relevant provisions did not enable the Court to recognize that the European Parliament had *locus standi* to bring an action for annulment.

On those grounds the European Court: 1 Dismissed the application as inadmissible. 2 Ordered the European Parliament to pay the costs.

Lawfulness of 'no-challenge' clause in licensing agreement

Bayer AG and Hennecke GmbH v Süllhöfer
Case 65/86

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President and Judges G. Bosco, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, C. N. Kakouris, F. A. Schockweiler, T. Koopmans, U. Everling and R. Joliet

Advocate General M. Darmon (Opinion July 7, 1987)

[Judgment September 27]

A "no-challenge" clause contained in a patent licensing agreement might have the effect of restricting competition except in the case of a free licence or in the case of a licence granted against consideration relating to an out-of-date process which would not be used by the undertaking which had accepted the no-challenge clause and where the patent concerned was not such as to prevent the use by the licensee of its own technique.

On July 22, 1965, Süllhöfer had lodged a utility model and a patent application for a process and equipment for the continuous manufacture of laminated sheets of hard polyurethane foam.

In 1967 there were legal proceedings between the parties in which Süllhöfer relied upon the aforementioned utility model and on the same basis had issued a warning to Hennecke and its customers.

Hennecke had counterclaimed for the annulment of the aforementioned utility model and sought a declaration that Süllhöfer was liable to pay royalties and damages for an illegal and erroneous warning.

Meanwhile Bayer and Hennecke, which subsequently merged, opposed Süllhöfer's patent application. In the course of the proceedings the parties reached a negotiated settlement contained in an agreement dated April 9, 1968.

By that agreement Süllhöfer granted Bayer and Hennecke a non-exclusive free licence for the use of the utility model and the patent, with the right to grant sub-licences.

Bayer granted Süllhöfer for consideration, a non-exclusive and non-transferable licence to manufacture foam sheets under a patent which it held, waived its claims against Süllhöfer in respect of past infringements of the rights in question and, together with Hennecke, undertook not to challenge the validity of the patent which Süllhöfer had applied for. Both parties to the agreement undertook to withdraw the legal proceedings which they had started.

As a result of new legal proceedings, a judgment at first instance held that the agreement of April 9, 1968 was void. On appeal, the Oberlandesgericht, Düsseldorf, considered that the no-challenge clause was incompatible with article 85(1) of the Treaty with the result that, under German law, the whole of the agreement was void.

The Bundes-gerichts-hof (Federal Court of Justice) stayed its proceedings and submitted a question to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

By prohibiting certain agreements between undertakings article 85(1) of the Treaty made no distinction between agreements whose purpose was to put an end to legal proceedings and those which pursued other aims.

That observation did not prejudice the question whether, and to what extent, a judicial settlement made before a national court might be void for infringement of Community competition law.

A no-challenge clause contained in a patent licensing agreement might, depending upon the legal and economic context, have the effect of restricting competition within the meaning of article 85(1) of the Treaty.

In that context, it was necessary to specify that competition was not restricted where the licence was granted freely given that, in such circumstances, the licensee had not had to suffer the competitive disadvantage relating to the payment of royalties.

A no-challenge clause contained in a licence granted for consideration did not have the effect of restricting competition where that licence related to a technically outdated process which the undertaking concerned would not use.

It was appropriate, however, to observe that, if the national court took the view that a no-challenge clause contained in a licence granted for consideration might restrict the freedom of action of the licensee, it would be necessary for it also to establish whether, taking into consideration the position which the undertakings concerned occupied on the market for the products in question, the clause was of such a nature as significantly to restrict competition.

On those grounds the European Court ruled:

A no-challenge clause in a patent licensing agreement might, according to the legal and economic context, have the effect of restricting competition within the meaning of article 85(1) of the Treaty. Such a clause, however, did not restrict competition where the licence containing it had been granted freely and where the licensee had therefore not suffered competitive disadvantages such as the payment of royalties, or where the licence had been granted for consideration but related to a technically outdated process which would not be used by the undertaking which had accepted the no-challenge clause.

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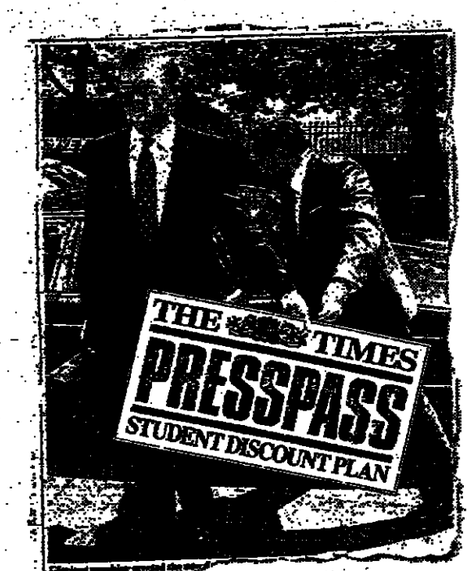
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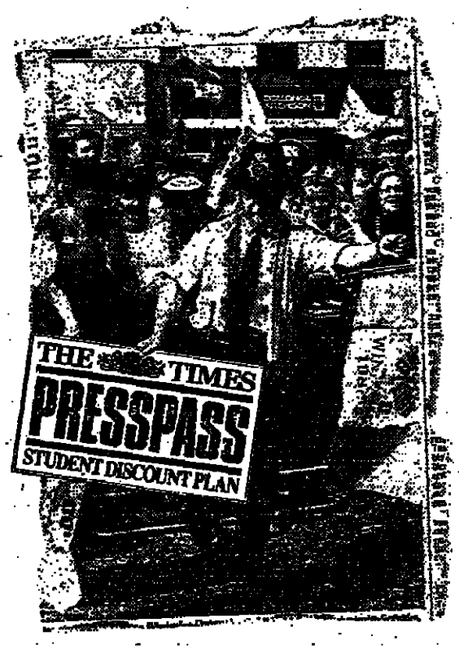
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Australia's coach has second chance of glory, **David Hands** writes

Living in the shadow of Jones

A lot is expected of Bob Dwyer. Grand slam qualities have been in short supply in Australian rugby over the last 18 months after the failure of the Wallabies to reach the final of the inaugural World Cup.

That, together with defeat in Argentina, was enough for his opponents to dethrone Alan Jones as the Australia coach, despite the achievements of his teams in Britain and Ireland in 1984 and in New Zealand in 1986. Dwyer, his successor, was also his predecessor, having been the man ousted by Jones after a brief spell in 1982-83. There were many then who felt an injustice in his going and who welcomed his return – a welcome tempered now by the 2-0 loss of the Bledisloe Cup series to New Zealand in June and July.

Dwyer, there is no doubt, carries much weight upon his spare shoulders. He was not given the chance to bring the best from his remodelled 1982 team and the encounter this year with the all-conquering All Blacks came too soon for the changing elements in the Wallaby ranks. Now he and his touring party arrive on Monday to play in England, Scotland and Italy, short of experienced backs and with a forward pack for several of whom this must be a final touring fling.

When Jones arrived with the 1984 Australians who were to carry off the grand slam, most of us did not quite know what had hit us – dapper, intelligent, savage against implied criticism, Jones said he would produce the goods and he did. Dwyer is from another mould – he has the air of a throwback to 1960s hippiedom, ruffled hair, professorial glasses and the look of one who can think of more comfortable clothing than the formal collar and tie which official rugby occasions require.

He celebrates his 48th birthday three days after the game against the Barbarians on November 26. Born in Sydney he went to Waverley College, a Roman Catholic private school, and Sydney High before studying electrical engineering at the University of New South Wales. He changed from engineering in 1977 to estate agency but, during the 1982 depression, joined a fire systems company with worldwide interests, of which he is now the manager for New South Wales.

He is one of the many back-row forwards – "they are the most conscientious" – to become a coach, first with his own club, Randwick, for whom he played for 16 years. Under him Randwick achieved five grand finals and four premierships in the Sydney club competition, so his elevation to the national post in 1982, in succession to Bob Templeton – his assistant on this tour – was not unexpected.

His most notable achievement during his first coming was the introduction to international rugby of such players as McIntyre, Cutler, Tuynman and Campese, who have become the staple diet over the last five years and return again next week. "It was very disappointing to miss the 1984 tour," he said, "but I don't think it's right for anyone to say I would have done as well as Alan Jones did. Maybe I would. But the team did it with Jones at the helm and it would be unfair to take anything away from him."

It is no secret that the two men do not get on but Dwyer recognized the problem that any successor to Jones would have. "As in 1982 we are going through a transitional phase and it's very necessary for the older players to have the ability to say that their loyalty to Bob Dwyer does not mean disloyalty to Alan Jones. If there were certain areas of the game which worked under Jones, we must try to use them."

If any individual has helped shape Dwyer's philosophy regarding rugby it is Cyril Towers, the most accomplished midfield player Australia produced between the two world wars. "What we have tried to do," Dwyer said, "is to play positively at all times – not to hand over responsibility to the opposition. There is an expectation on my part and on the part of the Australian public to play positive football. The players must not abdicate responsibility for winning the game. We are not talking reckless – we are talking about attacking the opposition to win the game."

There would appear to be a fatalistic streak in Dwyer, born perhaps of adversity. "The sum total of all one's experience is what makes the present," he told me before Australia played England in the first international at Brisbane during the summer. When he saw his side down by 13-3, Dwyer must have summoned up a degree of phlegm ("If you can't do anything about it, don't worry", was another maxim), relieved by the eventual 22-16 win but not always apparent during the series against New Zealand when he could scarcely mask his ire at refereeing decisions made by Fred Howard, of England, which went against the Wallabies.

He appreciates now that the mistake of his first tenure of office was to try and change too much too soon. "I seek to play the game close to the opposing defence but I placed too much strain on the players by trying to introduce a lethal midfield aggressive offence before they were ready for it. There was an insufficient appreciation of how you can play the game close to the opposition."

England, both in last year's World Cup and on tour last summer, have a reasonable idea now of what Dwyer means, it being a noted failing of English rugby that too little pressure is put on opposing defences. Dwyer's task now is to bring the best from an inexperienced back division and supplement the old heads in the pack, without losing the essential verve which is so strong a characteristic of Australian rugby.

He will do so in the shadow of what has gone before – that is the 1984 grand-slam touring side. In one sense he cannot win since even an unbeaten touring record will not match the wins four years ago over England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. But if he can lay down the base for Australia's assault on the 1991 World Cup, his country will have cause to be grateful.



On tour: Bob Dwyer hopes to put England and Scotland on the defensive

The Australian tour party and itinerary

TOUR PARTY: Full backs: A Leeds (NSW), D Knox (NSW). Wings: D Campese (NSW), P Carozza (Queensland), J Grant (NSW), A Niuqila (NSW). Centres: M Cook (Queensland), R Tombs (Queensland), B Girvan (ACT), P Cornish (ACT). Stand-off halves: L Walker (NSW), S James (NSW). Scrum halves: N Farr-Jones (NSW, captain), B Burke (NSW). Props: A McIntyre (Queensland), M Hartill (NSW), R Lawton (Queensland), E McKenzie (NSW). Hookers: T Lawton (Queensland), M McBain (Queensland). Locks: W Campbell (NSW), S Cutler (NSW), D Frawley (NSW), R McCall (Queensland), T Gavin (NSW). Flankers: J Miller (Queensland), D Carter (NSW), J Gardiner (Queensland). No. 8s: S Tuynman (NSW), S Gourley (NSW). Manager: A Conway. Coach: R Dwyer. Assistant coach: R Templeton.

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Oxford enter age of thinking man

By Peter Bills

Oxford University have dispensed with the oratorical qualities of the Australian, Alan Jones, in favour of a Frenchman, Pierre Villepreux, as their new coaching mentor.

The university, who play their first home game of the term against the touring Australian club side, Manly, at Iffley Road tonight, are already embroiled in the patterns and coaching philosophies of Villepreux, who coaches Stade Toulouse. Jones's powers of motivational inspiration are no longer considered sufficient.

"The work of Villepreux is a long way ahead of what you find in this country," Rupert Vessey, the Oxford captain, says. "There is just no question about it to my mind. His whole coaching emphasis is on allowing players to make their minds up rather than giving them a rigid game plan to play by. That is something we must look at in this country."

The decision of the university to look elsewhere breaks a three-year association between Jones and Oxford. The contribution of Sydney's most renowned broadcaster is acknowledged but Oxford believe it is time to change course.

Vessey calls it the adoption of the thinking players' philosophies, although he concedes that learning to emulate the French style, which Villepreux has successfully and attractively embraced at Toulouse, will be no overnight matter.

Lyn Evans, the Oxford coach, admits to having been a Villepreux disciple for some years. "I admire him greatly: he can inspire players to a greater vision and understanding of the game. I visited Toulouse a number of years ago and was immensely impressed with the quality of work at Pierre's training sessions. It was an inspirational moment for me."

Villepreux felt similarly after a recent two-day coaching course he held at Iffley Road. Beneath warm late summer skies, the Frenchman worked assiduously to inculcate in the Dark Blues the philosophy required to make his tactics work.

Put simply, they embrace a continuity of movement not hitherto within the orbit of English sides, a creation of space by the systematic disorganization of defences and a commitment to players' decision-making. Villepreux does not presume to lay down strict playing patterns for his team but he says: "Players in England make wrong decisions too often but that is a problem of coaching. If you want good decision-makers on the field you must organize coaching sessions with opposition every time."

Villepreux regards the ruck and maul as accidents created by dropped passes and slow release or insufficient support for the ball carrier.

It is Oxford's intention to bring Villepreux over just before the University Match to monitor their progress and sharpen them for the meeting with Cambridge.

Vessey believes the Frenchman's philosophy is ideal for an Oxford side which possesses an outstanding back division and potential in the forwards. He seeks as fluid a game as possible to capitalize on the fast threequarters. Forwards in possession, lapsing into old habits of slowing the game down, are likely to receive a forceful if eloquent haranguing from their captain.

Samoans short of experience

By Gerald Davies

The Western Samoans begin their 10-match tour of Wales and Ireland with the game against the Welsh Counties under-23 team at Stradey Park, Llanelli, today. This continues a connection for Wales which began in 1987 when, as preparation for the World Cup the following year, a short tour was undertaken to the South Seas, including Fiji and Tonga.

Western Samoa was the final match of that tour. The home side led 14-7 at half-time but Wales eventually won 32-14. If the visitors had to acclimatize to the 90° heat in that game, the Western Samoans, in training on Sunday, encountered hailstones for the first time.

Apart from Aiolupo, the full-back, and Coco, the wing and captain, who each have played 23 times for his country, today's is a very inexperienced team.

There are eight new caps in the party, four of whom are on view today. These include Fepuleai (scrum half) and Alalatoa (prop), but the other two, Fatialofa (prop) and Williams (lock) are not short on pedigree. The former has played for Auckland in the Ranfurly Shield and the latter has also played in New Zealand and France.

Counties rugby has never held the same sway in Wales as in England, but it was determined that it could better serve the game by including players in the under-23 age group.

WELSH COUNTIES U-23 (Monmouthshire unless stated): J Callard; R Sobbiani (Pembrokeshire), T Michael (Glamorgan), S Davies (Carmarthenshire), A Gethsin, D Evans (Glamorgan), A Booth (Glamorgan); F Hillman, K Gregory, R Buckley, I Hembarrow (Glamorgan), A Allen, J Wakeford (Glamorgan), G Williams (Glamorgan), E Lewis (Carmarthenshire).
WESTERN SAMOA: A Aiolupo; L Koko, K Sio, J An Kuoi, T Ugaze; F Saena, V Fepuleai; V Alalatoa, S Toomalatai, P Fatialofa, T Selo, D Williams, S Tupuola, V Faasua, M Iupeli.
Referee: R Quittenton (England).

Bourguignon will pay return visit

By David Hands

Two full internationals, Jérome Bianchi and Hervé Chabowski, are included in the French side to play Wales in a B international at Brecon on October 29. However the Welsh will remember, with no fondness, Gilles Bourguignon, the Narbonne back-row forward who was sent off in the equivalent fixture two years ago at Pontypridd and who now returns.

Thierry Lacroix, the Dax stand-off half, represented France in the Student World Cup in August while Philippe Berbizier, the hooker, is the younger brother of Pierre, the national scrum half and, like him, plays for Agen.

The Welsh added a further 10 players over the weekend to those already selected for the B squad, among them Colin Laity, the Neath centre who has played for England's South and South-West Division. Laity, a Cornishman who studied at South Glamorgan Institute and who works for a finance company in Cardiff, will not relinquish his English qualification until he plays in a representative Welsh XV.

Steve Ford, the wing who was reinstated by the Welsh Rugby Union this year after playing in a rugby league trial, is also among the additional players, after making only four appearances for Cardiff.

FRANCE B: J Bianchi (Toulon); B Lacombe (Agen), E Blanc (Racing Club, captain), P Tremouille (Toulon), D Faugeron (Bone); T Lacroix (Dax), A Hober (Lourdes); H Chabowski (Bourgoin), P Berbizier (Agen), A Saigne (Agen), M Bonnefon (Agen), P Dimerque (Narbonne), Y Roux (Toulon), G Bourguignon (Narbonne), L Cabasses (Racing Club).
ADDITIONS TO WELSH B SQUAD: S Ford (Cardiff), A Griffiths (Ebbw Vale), R Diplock (Bridgend), C Laity (Neath), F Hillman (Newport), P Edwards (Bridgend), J Wakeford (South Wales Police), P Kawelak (Bridgend), C Hush (Pontypool), H Stone (Cardiff).

● A South African party, known as the Pioneers, will play the first of seven matches in South America tomorrow, when they meet Chile in Santiago. It is probably the most multi-racial party ever sent overseas from South Africa, including four black players and nine Coloured players in a squad of 25, captained by Faffa Knoetze (Western Province) and managed by Abie Malan, the former Springbok hooker.

The party, which left last Friday, is regarded as being roughly equivalent in strength to a junior Springbok side – that is, a national B party for which senior international players are not eligible. The itinerary includes a game against Paraguay on October 27, in Asuncion, and matches against guest XVs in Santiago and, on October 29 which is the final day of the tour, in Asuncion against the Jacares.

● Steve Bainbridge, the former England lock, must be content with a replacement's role when Durham meet Northumberland in the Toshiba county championship match at Percy Park this evening. Durham have remained faithful to the team which beat Yorkshire, 37-20, save at centre where Harms (Durham City) is injured and is replaced by de Glanville, of Durham University.

Northumberland recall Johnson, the former England B stand-off who moved from Gosforth to Northern this season, while Yorkshire, who play Cheshire at Wilmslow, must do without Andrew.

● Richard Hill, the Bath and England scrum half who was suspended for 30 days after punching Richard Moon during a league match against Harlequins, returns tomorrow when a Bath international XV play Public School Wanderers at the Recreation ground.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday October 15 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

1 Charlton v A Villa
V Newcastle v Middlesbro
V Sheffld W v Wimbledon

Not on coupons: Coventry v Millwall; QPR v West Ham

SECOND DIVISION

2 Birmingham v WBA
1 Blackburn v Barnsley
X Bradford v C Palace
1 Hull v Sunderland
1 Ipswich v Oxford
1 Leicester v Stoke
2 Plymouth v Man C
1 Portsmth v Bournemth
2 Shrewsbury v Walsall
1 Watford v Brighton

Not on coupons: Oldham v Chelsea; Swindon v Leeds (Sunday)

THIRD DIVISION

2 Blackpool v Sheffld U
1 Bristol R v Notts Co
X Bury v Brentford
1 Chester v Cardiff
X Chesterfield v Preston
1 Fulham v Aldershot
1 Huddersfield v Bristol C
1 Port Vale v Bolton
X Reading v Mansfield
1 Southend v Gillingham
1 Swansea v Northampton
1 Wolves v Wigan

FOURTH DIVISION

2 Carlisle v Torquay
1 Crewe v Doncaster
1 Exeter v Grimsby
X Hartlepool v Wrexham
1 Leyton O v Colchester
X Lincoln v Scarboro
2 Peterboro v Burnley
X Rotherham v Tranmere
1 Scunthorpe v Camb U
1 Stockport v Hereforc
1 York v Darlington
Not on coupons: Halifax v Rochdale (Friday)

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

1 Altrincham v Newport
2 Aylesbury v Macclesfld
2 Enfield v Telford
1 Maidstone v Chorley
X Welling v Sutton U
1 Yeovil v Runcorn

BEAZER HOMES LGE PREMIER DIVISION

X Burton v Bath

VAUXHALL-OPEL LGE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Bognor v Dagenham

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Arbrie v Clyde
X Ayr v Dunfermline
X Dortar v Morton
1 Motherwk v Kilmarnock
2 Partick v Falkirk
X Ram v Clydebank
1 St Johnstone v Q of Sth

SCOTTISH SECOND

2 Albion v Arbroath
1 Alloa v Berwick
X Brechin v Strathmer
2 Dumbarton v Stirling
1 E Fife v Stenhousemuir
X E Stirling v Montrose
1 Queen's Pk v Cowdnbth
1 Yeoml v Runcorn

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Bradford, Bury, Chesterfield, Reading, Harlepool, Lincoln, Rotherham, Welling, Ayr, Forfar, Bath, East Stirling.
BEST DRAWS: Bury, Reading, Lincoln, Welling, East Stirling.
AWAYS: Walsall, Sheffield United, Torquay, Burnley, Macclesfield, Falkirk.
HOMES: Ipswich, Portsmouth, Watford, Chester, Fulham, Port Vale, Southend, Wolves, Crewe, Exeter, Leyton Orient, York.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Chester, Fulham, Wolves, Crewe, York. *Aways:* Sheffield United, Torquay, Burnley. *Draws:* Bradford, Bury, Rotherham.

ICE HOCKEY

Racers overpowered in final period

By a Special Correspondent

Murrayfield Racers travelled to Hungary for second leg of the European Cup with the Hungarian champions, Ujpesti Dozsa, carrying a two-goal deficit from the first leg in Edinburgh last weekend.

Racers outscored the local team 3-2 in each of the first two periods and by the end of the second were tied on aggregate with them. However, the Scots were knocked for six goals in the final period.

The Hungarian policy of three-line hockey against Racers' two lines proved impossible despite four goals by Tony Hand and a treble from the French-Canadian player-coach, Louis Haman.

Racers return to Britain this week to begin their gruelling schedule of retaining their Heineken League premier division championship. Their first opponents will be strong local rivals, Fife Flyers.

The Heineken League opened with a few surprises. Many had belittled Fife Flyers' policy of looking toward the Eastern bloc for imports rather than using North American players.

Flyers answered their critics riding roughshod over Solihull Barons 15-2, no great surprise considering Barons' inept performances since the loss of the top goalminder, Brian Cox.

A greater surprise was the 12-7 victory on home ice at Whitley Warriors.

Flyers are intent on showing that their policy is correct, with Great Britain entering world championship competition in March, and their Czech imports went some way to proving them right, with Vincet Lukac scoring six goals and Jindrich Kokrment netting four times in their weekend games.

Durham Wasps made a blistering start to their premier division competition beating Ayr Bruins 14-8 with Canadian import, Dave Anderson, scoring five times.

Cardiff Devils' first visit to London proved a shock as they were unexpectedly beaten 11-8 by Lee Valley Lions in the first division.

EUROPEAN CUP: Second leg: Ujpesti Dozsa 10, Murrayfield Racers 9 (Ujpesti won 18-15 on agg).
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fife Flyers 15, Solihull Barons 2; Nottingham Panthers 4, Whitley Warriors 8; Durham Wasps 14, Ayr Bruins 8; Streatham Redskins 1, Nottingham Panthers 6; Tayside Tigers 15, Solihull Barons 4; Whitley Warriors 7, Fife Flyers 12. First division: Deeside Dragons 8, Cleveland Bombers 10; Glasgow Eagles 18, Sunderland Chiefs 2; Lee Valley Lions 11, Cardiff Devils 8; Medway Bears 19, Richmond Flyers 4; Trafford Metros 12, Romford Racers 5.
NORWICH UNION CUP: Cleveland Bombers 14, Trafford Metros 1; Slough Jets 21, Telford Tigers 14.
AUTUMN TROPHY: Sunderland Chiefs 5, Deeside Dragons 12.
ENGLISH FIRST DIVISION: Basingstoke Beavers 9, Solihull Knights 5; Bracknell Bees 21, Peterborough Titans 6; Humberside Seahawks 13, Oxford City Stars 7; Solihull Knights 7, Birmingham Eagles 17.

RACING

Timely winner for the Piggott family

Suhail Dancer provided further evidence that the fortunes of the Piggott family have taken a turn for the better when giving Maureen Piggott another training success at Pontefract yesterday.

With her father, Lester, home from prison on a four-day pass and expected to be released on parole later this month, Suhail Dancer proved a timely and popular winner of the EBF Whitley Graduation Stakes.

Bruce Raymond found an opening for Suhail Dancer after turning into the short straight and pushed him past Tuck Box inside the last 100 yards to win by three-quarters of a length.

It was the fourth winner for the Newmarket trainer since she took over the licence from her injured mother, Susan, at the beginning of last month.

Lord Halifax, owner-breeder of the lightly-raced runner-up, is confident that his colt has a bright future. "He's a full brother to Bedtime. You wait till he starts to carry all before him as four-year-old."

Barney Curley saddled a belated first winner of the season when Lyreen River landed the Nostell Selling Stakes but had to go to 5,600 guineas to retain the gelding.

The Irish import drifted from 3-1 to 5-1 before the race but looked better than a selling plater as he jumped off in the lead and outclassed his 10 rivals to win easing up by five lengths.

Orpheus and Ferrystream provided Guy Harwood with a one-two in the first division of the EBF Bricklow Maiden Stakes at Warwick.

Orpheus, who had clearly benefited from his first run behind Konigsberg at Newmarket 12 days earlier, beat his stable comapnion by two lengths to give Harwood his 64th success of the season and Greville Starkey his 44th.

The Pulborough trainer's assistant, Geoff Lawson, said that Orpheus received a knock as he swung into the home straight.

William Hastings-Bass, who sent out four winners last week, was on the mark again with Grand Tour in the Arden EBF Stakes.

Grand Tour – narrowly beaten in last year's Italian Derby – was winning for the first time since his two-year-old days.

Most Welcome third

Most Welcome, rated an unlucky loser in the Arlington Million, was beaten fair and square into third in the £360,000 Turf Classic at Belmont Park, New York, on Sunday night.

Geoff Wragg's four-year-old, partnered by Pat Eddery, was beaten 4¼ lengths by local favourite Sunshine Forever (Angel Cordero), who had taken the Man O'War Stakes on his previous start.

Most Welcome, who was only deprived of second in the dying strides by the fast-finishing Carde A Vous, paid $3.60 for the show.

At Santa Anita, California, André Fabre lifted his second important prize in the United States this year when Nasr El Arab (Gary Stevens) took the $240,000 Oak Tree Invitational. Love The Groom finished last.

Fabre was also responsible for the Arlington Million winner, Mill Native.

Dewhurst switch by O'Brien

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Classic Fame, widely held to be Ireland's leading two-year-old, is a surprise defector from Friday's Three Chimneys Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket.

Vincent O'Brien's Nijinsky colt was not among the 11 acceptors at yesterday's four-day declaration stage but the Ballydoyle trainer will run the once-raced Saratogan.

Classic Fame, unbeaten in two races, goes instead for the valuable Juddmonte Beresford Stakes at the Curragh.

A spokesman for O'Brien said last night that the colts' objectives had been switched because Classic Fame had already won a group one race, the GPA National Stakes, and that Classic Thoroughbred Plc, the owners of both colts, are hoping Saratogan can now emulate his stable companion.

Bought as a yearling for $50,000 and a son of O'Brien's 2,000 Guineas winner El Gran Senor, Saratogan was beaten by August Agent at the Curragh on his only start. However, there were valid excuses for his defeat as he lost many lengths at the start.

DEWHURST STAKES ACCEPTORS: Always Valiant (trained by N Callaghan); Heart Of Arabia (C Brittain); Lambourn Raja (G Pyrchal); Opening Verse (H Cecil); Prince Of Dance (N Graham); Russian Bond (H Cecil); Samoon (H Cecil); Saratogan (M V O'Brien); Seaside (B Hills); Stone Flake (P Kelleway); Zayyani (R Johnson Houghton).

● Capa was the subject of widespread support for Saturday's Tote Cesarewitch at Newmarket with Ladbrokes yesterday and is now 50-1 from 500-1. Chasing The Dragon is 16-1 from 25-1 with the same firm.

WARWICK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 FANSHAW GOLDBERG (nap). 2.30 Height Of Folly. 3.0 Langton Street. 3.30 Constant Companion. 4.0 Notion. 4.30 Awsaaf. 5.0 No Beating Harts.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Alo Ex. 2.30 Aceface. 3.0 Taylor's Realm. 3.30 Emeraude. 4.0 Notion. 4.30 Awsaaf. 5.0 Absolution.

By Michael Seely

2.30 Height Of Folly. 3.0 Formidare.

Going: good to soft **Draw: 5f, low numbers**

2.0 MARKET SQUARE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: 2959: 5f) (17 runners)

1		EARTH BEAM	J Payne	9-4	P Cook 8
4	3	BARALE 38	Mrs N Macauley	9-0	Pat Eddery 5
600020		THE SINGING MAN 17	J Balding	9-0	— 3
7	5	ITS SMITHY 43	R Akehurst	8-11	M Roberts 11
10	200	FANSHAW GOLDBERG 14	M Fetherston-Godley	8-9	T Ives 10
13	60	RATHAGE 28	A Hide	8-9	— 1
15	0	AARON'S ROD 8	M Charles	8-3	N Adams 12
16	4003	DOCTOR'S REMEDY 10	M Tate	8-3	— 16
17	305	INSWINGER 20	W Wightman	8-3	N Howe 15
19	02	ALO EX 14	J Pearce	8-2	W Carson 7
21	0000	FIRENZE MY GIRL 13	R Curtis	8-2	D D'Arcy (7) 13
23	0004	ALWAYS TREASURE 8	J Balding	7-12	— 17
24	50	BETETH 32	K Cunningham-Brown	7-12	N Fox 9
27	326	LANA'S PET 76 (BF)	W Turner	7-12	T Williams 14
30	4400	PRINT FINISHER 15	S Dow	7-12	J Carter (5) 4
31	3	TENDER TILLY 47	W Haigh	7-12	S Salaman 6
32	0	VIERGE 175	K Brassey	7-12	C Rutter 2

15-8 Alo Ex, 7-2 Lana's Pet, 4-1 Print Finisher, 6-1 Inswinger, 8-1 Tender Tilly, 10-1 Doctor's Remedy.

2.30 ANN HATHAWAY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,815: 2m) (20)

1	2622	RED HACKLE 10	I Balding	9-7	T Ives 13
2	6325	BROMO 24 (BF)	G Harwood	9-7	A Clark 5
3	5512	HEIGHT OF FOLLY 7 (D,BF,F)	J Dunlop	9-5 (5ex)	W Carson 14
4	1102	POUR ENCOURAGER 14 (F,G)	G Lewis	9-4	Paul Eddery 7
8	0120	GLOWING PICTURE 15 (BF,F)	A Ingham	9-2	J Carter 18
9	2260	PATROCLUS 32 (B,S)	R Voorspuy	9-1	P Barnard (5) 20
10	000	ARCTIC BARON 140	Miss J Thorne	9-1	— 15
11	2536	ACEFACE 14	J Scargill	9-0	M Roberts 2
12	5559	KING MENELAOS 35	P Cole	8-11	C Rutter 1
15	1460	WALFLEURY 14 (S)	D Laing	8-8	T Williams 8
17	0001	DESERT PALM 29 (F)	R Hodges	8-7	P Cook 19
19	6330	COT LANE 29	F Yardley	8-7	I Johnson 17
21	4000	TZUTEH 21 (F)	Mrs N Macauley	8-6	— 3
22	6636	CALTON COLLEEN 15J (S)	E Alston	8-5	— 11
24	-000	NEVER AFRAID 141	N Mitchell	8-4	M Birkett (5) 12
25	0032	SAND CLIPPER 83	J Harris	8-4	P D'Arcy 16
26	3640	CUVA 11	C Benstead	8-3	N Adams 9
27	-400	CONNATE 20	R Akehurst	8-3	R Hills (5) 10
28	0000	MERRYDALE FARM 8	J H Wilson	8-3	G Hind (5) 5
29	4603	MULTIHANDS 19	J Wharton	8-2	S Dawson 4

3-1 Height Of Folly, 4-1 Red Hackle, 5-1 Pour Encourager, 6-1 Aceface, 8-1 Bromo, 12-1 King Menelaos.

3.0 WARMINGTON NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,298: 1m) (22)

2	046	MURANGO 28	J Dunlop	9-7	G Foster (7) 1
4	5200	GUNMASTER 24 (G)	N Vigors	9-6	A Whitehall (7) 5
8	0030	SAXON COURT 11 (B)	K Brassey	9-1	I Johnson 18
10	1130	TAYLOR'S REALM 11 (CD,F)	H Collingridge	8-13	M Rimmer 7
12	310	LANGTON STREET 11 (BF,G)	M Smyly	8-11	N Adams 2
15	6064	CHRONOLOGICAL 14	M Tompkins	8-8	T Ives 11
17	4215	VIVA SUENOS 53 (F)	R Hannon	8-7	L Jones 9
18	5603	SPY RING 11	J Hills	8-6	W Carson 22
21	0526	CLASSIC SUITE 36	R Whitaker	8-6	M Roberts 3
24	400	LUCKY OAK 28	P Cole	8-2	Paul Eddery 14
25	000	SASHAQ 29	C Benstead	8-2	T Williams 12
26	6455	FORBIDARE 4	S Dow	8-1	J Carter (5) 20
27	0000	NICKLE JOE 15	M Tate	8-1	— 13
29	4600	JENDRA 11	P Haslam	8-0	— 19
31	0000	SPANISH OAK 22 (G)	N Vigors	7-12	S Dawson 10
32	000	CELTIC SHOT 32	P Mitchell	7-12	— 21
33	0000	EPICURUS 10	W Brooks	7-11	— 17
34	000	TROJAN DEBUT 63	M Ryan	7-10	M Fozzard 21
35	4220	ANNABELLE ROYALE 11	Mrs N Macauley	7-8	R Street 8
37	5280	MAGIC MILLY 15	J Scargill	7-7	R Fox 6
38	3600	DOUBLE HANDFULL 185	P Arthur	7-7	C Rutter 4
42	4045	COYN PRINCE 22	M Usher	7-7	G Hind (5) 16

4-1 Gunmaster, 9-2 Spy Ring, 6-1 Saxon Court, 8-1 Taylor's Realm, 10-1 Classic Suite, Viva Suenos.

3.30 WROXHALL GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £1,592: 1m) (14)

1	6024	CONSTANT COMPANION 25 (D,F)	C Wall	9-3	T Ives 1
2	6-01	COOL RUN 10 (D,S)	B Mcmahon	9-3	Paul Eddery 8
3	2531	HUSH CHILD 28 (D,F)	R Akehurst	9-3	Ron Hills (5) 7
7	33-6	AURIT BLUE 10	J Dunlop	8-7	P Cook 11
8	00	BEDFORD LASS 6	N Kennick	8-7	R Street 3
10	443	EMERAUDE 10	M Stoute	8-7	A Kimberley 4
12		GRAND PARTY	J Bradley	8-7	N Adams 13
13	4600	OPALKING 26	A Jones	8-7	T Williams 2
14	063	POSITIVE ATTITUDE 42	G Hutter	8-7	W Carson 5
15		SALLY'S DOWRY	M Ryan	8-7	— 14
17	2232	SHARRY 13	G Harwood	8-7	A Clark 12
18	2050	SUNLEY PRINCESS 7	J Edwards	8-7	P D'Arcy 10
20	3088	TAWNIAIS 18	R Armstrong	8-7	M Roberts 6
22	0	WORDS INTO DEEDS 47	G Balding	8-7	N Howe 9

15-8 Positive Attitude, 4-1 Emeraude, 5-1 Sidary, 7-1 Hush Child, 9-1 Cool Run, 10-1 Aunt Blue, 12-1 Tawnais, 16 others.

4.0 MOP APPRENTICE MAIDEN SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £529: 1m) (17)

1	5000	BRADMORE'S VISION 14	M Pipe	9-0	F Arrowsmith 5
2	00	CASTER BRAY 11	W Wilson	9-0	S Sifferl (5) 10
3	000	CHART CROSS 33	N Callaghan	9-0	— 2
6	0000	HAMBLEDON LAD 14	M Fetherston-Godley	9-0	S Giles (7) 13
7	0033	KEEP STRAIGHT 14 (B)	W Carter	9-0	J Smith 16
9	4004	MY BROTHER JAKE 21	P Burgoyne	9-0	J Fanning (5) 14
10	0546	NEW START 20 (BF)	S Muldoon	9-0	— 6
11	00	OSCILLOS 28	W Wilson	9-0	G Atkinson 17
12	0000	ROLLOVER BEETROVER 14 (B)	R Curtis	9-0	D D'Arcy 4
14	0000	RYANS CARROLL 14	J Berry	9-0	— 11
18	00	BATU PAHAT 14	W G M Turner	8-9	— 15
21	0	LIP GLOSS 14	J Hills	8-9	P Phillips 3
25	0304	NOTION 14 (B)	N Callaghan	8-9	T Wilson 12
26	000	REVEREND MOTHER 18	J Wharton	8-6	S Williams 7
27	0000	SHINE FOR SURE 15	B McMahon	8-9	— 1
29	0	SWEET THURSDAY 67	B Stevens	8-9	D Wand (5) 8
30	0	TECHNIQUE 18	C Thornton	8-9	— 9

11-4 Keep Straight, 4-1 Notion, 11-2 Shine For Sure, 7-1 My Brother Jake, 8-1 New Start, 10-1 Bradmore's Vision.

4.30 QUEEN BESS EBF STAKES (£2,127: 7f) (16)

1	5000	CONCERT PITCH 31 (D,F,G,S)	B Pelling	9-8-10	— 3
3	0-00	SUDDEN IMPACT 150J (B,G,S)	P Arthur	8-8-10	M Gallagher (7) 1
4	0600	TONY GALVIN 73 (D)	C Nelson	5-8-10	I Johnson 7
9	4400	TOMMY DALY 3 (B,G)	W Carter	3-9-4	W Carson 16
10	0502	AWSAAF 7 (F)	R Armstrong	3-9-1	M Roberts 15
11	0500	GEM OF GOLD 70 (B,S)	M Charles	5-9-1	W Hayes (7) 13
12	2000	SLEEPLINE FANTASY 28 (G,S)	K Brassey	5-8-1	P Cook 6
13	0540	CONVINCING 199	J Spearing	4-9-0	— 9
14	0000	JOEY'S JET 353	O O'Neill	4-9-0	— 10
15	2630	MR CHRIS GATEAUX 24	D Williams	6-8-13	N Adams 8
16	0000	RESIDENCY 43	D Laing	4-8-0	T Williams 5
18	6321	THUNDERFLASH 5 (D,S)	J Dunlop	3-8-12	T Ives 14
20	0	HANDSOME JINKO 57	J Edwards	3-8-11	A Clark 12
21	2000	MISS CUDDLES 17	G Balding	4-8-11	Paul Eddery 2
23	0040	SERRS 17	P Arthur	4-8-11	— 11
25	0	YA MUSTAFA 31	N Kennick	3-8-8	R Street 4

11-8 Thunderflash, 15-8 Awsaaf, 6-1 Sleepline Fantasy, 10-1 Miss Cuddles, 12-1 Tommy Daly, 16-1 Chic Antique.

5.0 PRINCE RUPERT HANDICAP (£1,893: 5f) (20)

1	0424	ABSOLUTION 11 (CD,F,G)	R Hutchinson	4-8-11	R Fox 15
2	0505	SMALL FEE 8 (CD,BF,S)	M Britain	3-8-9	P Barnard (5) 8
4	2015	OUR FREDDIE 11 (H,4,D,F,S)	W Carter	4-8-9 (fitted)	Kevan Lankford (7) 20
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RACING

Mumtaz Jamal to take advantage of opening

By Mandarin

Mumtaz Jamal can capitalize on a hefty drop in class by taking the Glenburn Maiden Stakes at Ayr today.

The Geoff Huffer-trained colt has proved something of an enigma this season, on occasions running well in good company – at the Ascot Heath meeting he was beaten little over three lengths into sixth by Mazzacano in a *Churchill* Stakes which also included the useful Kalakate and Atlaal – yet in the last month of the season he remains a maiden.

His latest start was another creditable effort when some seven lengths fifth to Dust Devil in a valuable Ascot handicap, and he will get no better opportunity than he does this afternoon.

Kings Rank looks his only serious rival but although he is consistent he is one-paced.

The Lochranza Handicap is particularly tricky with the two highest weights, Samhaan and Irgaim, possibly not suited by the ground and the trip respectively. Really Gorgeous was an emphatic winner of a Haydock claimer last time but is penalized 5lb and also steps up in class.

I side with **Haggs Tavern**. He was well beaten last time over 1¼ miles, but had previously won at Redcar. This shorter trip will suit him better and he will not be inconvenienced by the soft going.

Denham Green, caught in the last strides by Lariston Gale over course and distance last month, can defy top weight in the Kilbride Nursery while **Borkaan**, at his best with plenty of cut in the ground, can take the Millbrae Handicap.

However, for the nap I rely on **Fanshaw Goldberg** in the Market Square Maiden Auction Stakes at Warwick. She has plenty of early pace, and indeed turned in one of her best efforts over this course and distance when third to Like Amber, also on soft ground, in July.

The minimum trip on a sharp track seems her ideal requirement and she can register her first success against opposition which, though numerous, is largely moderate.

Height Of Folly, second to Lindross at Newcastle last week, had previously been a decisive scorer at Nottingham and can regain the winning thread in the Ann Hathaway Handicap, while *Constant Companion* is favoured by the conditions of the Wroxham Fillies' Graduation Stakes.

The Captain Cook Maiden Stakes at Redcar brings together representatives of Cecil, Stoute and Harwood, and it is Cecil's Jungle Pioneer, second to the highly-regarded Pirate Army at Newmarket last month, who is taken to prevail.

Harwood, however, may be on the mark later with *Lypheeric*, who can reap the benefit of his opening third to Badeel at Yarmouth last month by winning the Mulgrave Maiden Stakes.

The four handicaps on the programme will all take plenty of solving, but my principal fancy from the quartet is the improving **Oh Danny Boy**, who can defy a 5lb penalty in the Hanging Stone Handicap.

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Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Mumtaz Jamal.	2.15 Kings Rank.
2.45 Haggs Tavern.	2.45 Irgaim.
3.15 Borkaan.	3.15 Tharwat.
3.45 Spiritualist.	3.45 —
4.15 Mohammed El-Sahn.	4.15 Jutland Hero.
4.45 Blue Bell Music.	4.45 Champion Girl.
5.15 Denham Green.	5.15 Marabeau Special.

Going: soft, straight course; heavy, round course
Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best

2.15 GLENBURN MAIDEN STAKES (£1,578: 1m 3f) (4 runners)

1	(4)	2/3-6	EQUATOR 27 (J Haldane) J Haldane 5-8-8	J Quinn (3)	—
3	(2)	4-52332	KINGS RANK 7 (R Kirstein) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-0	G Duffield	94
4	(3)	282305	MUMTAZ JAMAL 16 (B) (E Hamoud) G Huffer 3-8-0	A Mackay	⊕ 99
5	(1)	500	PARADISE BEACH 137 (T Taylor) B McMahon 3-8-0	R Hills	—

BETTING: 11-8 Kings Rank, 6-4 Mumtaz Jamal, 7-2 Equator, 10-1 Paradise Beach.
1987: CADISA 3-8-11 W R Swinburn (7-1) M Stoute 6 ran

FORM EQUATOR is an interesting runner in a race which makes little appeal as a betting medium. He was placed in group company at the Curragh on his debut in 1986 but was a well-beaten 8th behind Curricle here on his seasonal bow.

MUMTAZ JAMAL is useful on his day although he has been some way below his best lately. He may not be totally genuine but steps down in class from a 7½l 3th to Dust Devil at Ascot (1m 2f) on his latest start.

KINGS RANK in the frame on his last three starts. A 2½l 2nd to Native Flair at Newcastle (1m 2f) earlier in the month, he has every chance here.

Selection: KINGS RANK

2.45 LOCHRANZA HANDICAP (£3,324: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

2	(1)	036004	SAMHAAN 5 (B,D,F,G,S) (O Zawawi) B Hanbury 6-9-12	A Culhane (3)	98
3	(2)	502332	IRGAIM 42 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-11	R Hills	⊕ 92
9	(8)	128016	HAGGS TAVERN 10 (F,G) (W Smith) W Pearce 3-8-2	D Nicholls	88
12	(5)	056451	REALLY GORGEOUS 10 (D,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-8-11 (5ex)	M Wigham	96
13	(9)	5-44201	FIGHTING GORYTUS 7 (C,S) (Mrs S Nickerson) C Boon 3-9-1 (5ex)	K Hodgson	98
14	(7)	0314010	BARNABY BENZ 48 (C,D,F,S) (T Bennet Group) M H Easterby 4-8-10	G Duffield	97
15	(4)	3500	STAND AT EASE 20 (D Ridley) Mrs J Ramsden 3-7-13	—	—
19	(6)	0803-03	WHAT'S THE MATTER 10 (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 4-7-7	J Lowe	93

Long handicap: What's The Matter 7-1.

BETTING: 100-30 Fighting Gorytus, 4-1 Really Gorgeous, 5-1 Haggs Tavern, 13-2 Barnaby Benz, 8-1 Samhaan, 9-1 Irgaim, 12-1 Stand At Ease, 14-1 What's The Matter.

1987: CARELESS KISS 3-8-1 N Connorton (11-10 fav) M Camacho 5 ran

FORM FIGHTING GORYTUS beat *Sporting Simon* (rec 3lb) 1l over 1m here yesterday, his first appearance since August. HAGGS TAVERN beat *Harmonical* 1l at Ripon (1m 4f) in August and possibly found his last outing (1m 6f) too far. Not the easiest of rides.

SAMHAAN is a fair handicapper and although he has not won since June he has run creditably in good company. A 6l 4th to *Busted Rock* at York (1m 2f 110yd) last time he would be ideally suited by a fast early pace but there are doubts about his ability to handle the ground.

WHAT'S THE MATTER hails from last year's winning stable and has every chance on a 7l 3rd to *Cathedral Peak* on similar going at Haydock (1m 2f) last time following a five-month lay-off.

Selection: WHAT'S THE MATTER

3.15 MILLBRAE HANDICAP (£2,868: 1m) (13 runners)

1	(3)	110609	INISHPOUR 34 (C,D,F,G,S) (G Russell) H Wharton 6-9-13	A Mackay	96
2	(1)	304028	BORKAAN 64 (B) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 3-8-6	—	97
5	(10)	334041	THARWAT 21 (D,F,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-4	R Hills	91
7	(2)	410605	BRIGHT ANGLE 24 (D,G) (The Racegoers Club) J Watts 3-8-0	J Lowe	93
12	(7)	100231	CAMDEN KNIGHT 24 (CD,S) (D Pickles) N Byrcroft 3-8-8	L Charnock	91
15	(13)	031000	MISS EMILY 7 (C,D,G,S) (M Hill) D Chapman 4-8-5	—	93
17	(9)	5-62000	KADAN 10 (M Whateley) M Tompkins 4-8-2	G Duffield	93
18	(5)	464411	MUBDI 24 (CD,F,S) (Full Circle Pic) K Tinkler 4-8-1	Kim Tinkler	92
19	(12)	023010	UNCLE ERNIE 1 (C,S) (J Stewart) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-0	—	⊕ 89
20	(6)	640603	GLORY GOLD 7 (G,S) (M Britzen) M Brittain 4-7-10	A Munro (5)	88
21	(14)	430606	SAY YOU WILL 17 (V) (G Noble) M Naughton 4-7-8	—	97
22	(9)	0010001	LINPAC NORTH MOOR 15 (CD,S) (Linpac Ltd) C Elsey 4-7-7 (5ex)	A Culhane (3)	92
24	(11)	040628	BLAZE OF GOLD 15 (V) (W Airey) E Alston 4-7-7	—	86

Long handicap: Blaze Of Gold 7-1.

BETTING: 7-2 Tharwat, 4-1 Mubdi, 5-1 Camden Knight, 6-1 Uncle Ernie, 8-1 Glory Gold, 9-1 Linpac North Moor, 12-1 Irishpour, 14-1 others.

1987: MISS EMILY 3-8-1 J Carroll (9-2) D Chapman 8 ran

FORM MISS EMILY bids to land this event for the second year. Her best effort this term came at Ripon (1m) in August when she beat *Mrs Pistol* 3¼l with SAY YOU WILL (11lb better off) 11l away 5th, INISHPOUR (11lb better off) 1¾l further back in 7th and LINPAC NORTH MOOR and CAMDEN KNIGHT (1lb better off) well behind.

LINPAC NORTH MOOR has conditions very much in her favour she reopposes MISS EMILY on 5lb better terms after a 13¾l success. With the ground again riding on the soft side she must go well.

MUBDI attempts to land his third successive win after a 2½l beating of BLAZE OF GOLD over course-and-distance last time and should be thereabouts.

THARWAT best finished a ¾l at Sandown (1m) last time, but is unlikely to act on the ground today, while BORKAAN is best treated with caution.

Selection: LINPAC NORTH MOOR

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs J Ramsden	7	16	43.8
J Jefferson	5	14	35.7
M Camacho	3	10	30.0
G Huffer	3	10	30.0
G P-Gordon	8	33	24.2
B Hanbury	5	25	20.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
A Shoults	9	30	30.0
G Duffield	19	115	16.5
Kim Tinkler	10	70	14.3
J Quinn	5	38	13.2
A Munro	4	31	12.9
A Culhane	3	24	12.5

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3.45 FAIRLIE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,644: 1m) (6 runners)

6	(3)	00	JUSTIFICATION 15 (G Wilkie) M Britain 9-0	M Wigham	—
7	(5)	6	MONARCH O TH GLEN 15 (Hambleton Thoroughbred) W Pearce 9-0	G Duffield	92
17	(2)	4	SPIRITUALIST 87 (J Graham) S Norton 9-0	J Lowe	90
18	(4)	030	TOWNY BOY 7 (A Fawcett) J Jefferson 9-0	A Shoults (3)	⊕ 89
23	(1)	0	BURSANA 25 (A Lyons) C Booth 8-9	K Hodgson	—
25	(6)	00	MUSIC IN MY HEART 27 (A Carruthers) N Bycroft 8-9	L Charnock	—

BETTING: 15-8 Towny Boy, 9-4 Monarch O Th Glen, 11-4 Spiritualist, 8-1 Justification, 12-1 Bursana, 25-1 Music In My Heart.

1987: DIAMOND SHINE 8-9 W R Swinburn (9-2 fav) M Stoute 10 ran

FORM MONARCH O TH GLEN, a relatively expensive yearling by the stables standards, showed a some ability on his racecourse debut and can improve. He ran better than his final position of 10¾l 6th to Moon Reef suggests at Nottingham (1m 40yd), JUSTIFICATION (same terms) a further 12l away in 9th, only weakening inside the final furlong when lack of hard fitness began to take its toll.

TOWNY BOY is an obvious danger on his slightly unlucky 2l 3rd to Mayday Miracle here over 9f on his penultimate start where BURSANA (same terms) finished well beaten in 12th. He had none too clear a passage that day but his most recent outing, 9th of 15 in a Newcastle (6f) maiden, was disappointing.

SPIRITUALIST indicated that a stiffer test of stamina would suit when a running on 9¾l 4th to Lomass here over 7f in July but may need the run after a lengthy 11 week lay off.

Selection: MONARCH O TH GLEN

4.15 MIDSANDS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,453: 7f) (9 runners)

1	(7)	013860	COQ DU NORD 14 (S,S) (Gymcrak Thoroughbred) M H Easterby 9-0	G Duffield	92
2	(6)	005	BLAKESWARE GOLD 11 (R Kelman) M Tompkins 8-11	A Mackay	95
4	(3)	5	GOTT'S DESIRE 29 (W & R Gott Ltd) J Berry 8-11	—	95
5	(7)	054600	HELLO TOSH 35 (Miss C Mitchell) C Tinkler 8-11	M Wood	⊕ 90
9	(5)	45062	MOHAMMED EL-SAHN 18 (BF) (A Razzak) D Morley 8-11	J Lowe	86
11	(4)	00000	SIR ANDREW LEWIS 8 (Mrs M Charalambous) M Britain 8-11	M Wigham	—
15	(3)	026300	BURNDITCH GIRL 21 (R Hughes) Mrs G Reveley 8-6	J Carr (5)	89
21	(5)		MOVIE MARKET (C Boon) C Boon 8-6	K Hodgson	—
26	(2)	0	RETURN TO ROMANCE 18 (P Savill) M Prescott 8-6	G Duffield	84

BETTING: 7-4 *Mohammed El-Sahn*, 4-1 Blakesware Gold, 5-1 Coq Du Nord, 13-2 Gott's Desire, 8-1 Burndtch Girl, 12-1 Hello Tosh, 16-1 Return To Romance, 25-1 Movie Market, Sir Andrew Lewis.

1987: OWN FREE WILL 8-6 M Beecroft (3-1 fav) Mrs J Ramsden 9 ran

FORM MOHAMMED EL-SAHN is the form selection in a race which will take little winning. He fared by only ½l to hold the late charge of Hunter Valley at Redcar (7f) last time out, the pair 8l clear, and looks a better than average plater. He has yet to race on a soft surface however.

RETURN TO ROMANCE hails from a stable always to be feared when runners in the North. She caught the eye on her debut playing on tamely in the closing stages to finish an 11l 7th to Burkas Progress at Redcar (7f) where SIR ANDREW LEWIS finished well behind in 14th.

BLAKESWARE GOLD ran a fair race to finish a 2½l 5th to By Choice in a Newmarket (1m) seller last time and is preferred to COQ DU NORD whose form has tailed off since winning a Nottingham (6f) seller.

GOTT'S DESIRE will improve for his 7l 5th to Burn Bridge in a Hamilton (5f) graduation race on his racecourse debut.

MOVIE MARKET, a 9'3,000 gns yearling, makes limited appeal on breeding.

Selection: MOHAMMED EL-SAHN

4.45 EQUINE WHIRLPOOLS AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,662: 5f) (4 runners)

1	(2)	411441	BLUE BELL MUSIC 11 (D,G,S) (G Adams) J Berry 8-12	A Bacon (7)	93
2	(2)	132220	TIME TO GO HOME 3 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) R Hollinshead 8-12	A Culhane (3)	⊕ 89
4	(1)		CASSANOVA LAD (Mrs G Cawthorn) S Nesbitt 8-4	M Beecroft	—
5	(4)	001	CHAMPION GIRL 5 (D,G) (Champion Developments) A Bailey 8-4	J Quinn (3)	95

BETTING: 6-4 Time To Go Home, 15-8 Blue Bell Music, 11-4 Champion Girl, 12-1 Cassanova Lad.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM TIME TO GO HOME makes a significantly quick reappearance after finishing 7th of 8 to Court in a Lusted event at York (5f) on Saturday. He takes a big drop in class today and the combination of the minimum trip and some cut in the ground will pose no problems for the speedy individual who is going for his 9th win of the season.

BLUE BELL MUSIC has been running some fine races, last time out staying on really well to account for Honey Boy Simba (rec 11lb) by 2¼l in the soft at Haydock (6f).

CHAMPION GIRL, who put up an improved performance at Wolverhampton (5f) last time. She easily accounted for *Alasha* by 5l that day and would appear to be on the upgrade.

CASSANOVA LAD is a cheap purchase and will do well to make a winning debut in this company.

Selection: TIME TO GO HOME

5.15 KILBRIDE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,977: 6f) (7 runners)

2	(6)	554126	DENHAM GREEN 18 (D,F,S) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 8-7	A Bacon (7)	⊕ 89
4	(1)	2316	LES YEUX D'AMOUR 10 (G) (Castle Farm Stud) A Bailey 8-3	J Quinn (3)	91
7	(4)	42350	MARABEAU SPECIAL 45 (C Bidwell Jr) M Prescott 8-1	G Duffield	88
15	(2)	535013	CHECK THE GATE 11 (V,D,G) (L Norman) M Britain 7-7	A Munro (5)	86
16	(3)	403305	GRAND BALL 14 (F) (J S Wilson) J S Wilson 7-7	M Fry	86
19	(5)	100	COLLEENS DAUGHTER 18 (D,F) (C Grahame) C Tinkler 7-7	J Lowe	82
20	(7)	520600	JIVE MUSIC 11 (N Bycroft) N Bycroft 7-7	L Charnock	86

Long handicap: Colleens Daughter 7-4, *Jive Music* 7-3.

BETTING: 2-1 Denham Green, 3-1 Check The Gate, 9-2 Marabeau Special, 6-1 Les Yeux D'Amour, 9-1 Grand Ball, 12-1 Colleens Daughter, 16-1 Jive Music.

1987: LONELY RAMIRO 8-13 J Reid (7-1) Denys Smith 6 ran

FORM DENHAM GREEN, just over 7l 6th of 14 in a better handicap than this at Ascot (5f) last time out, is in fine form at present. He had earlier ran a fine race to finish ½l 2nd to Lariston Gale in a 23 runner handicap over course and distance in September.

MARABEAU SPECIAL who is fully 14lb better off for just over 3l beating from DENHAM GREEN and is fancied to reverse placings on these terms.

CHECK THE GATE, winner of a Ripon (6f) seller earlier in the season, ran up to his best when just over 3l 3rd to Blue Bell Music at Haydock (6f) and holds JIVE MUSIC (3lb better off) on that running, the latter finishing just under 9l away in 9th.

LES YEUX AMOUR, unplaced in a nursery behind Amigo Manor (gave 13lb) earlier won a maiden at Catterick in good style form Liquid Asset (levels).

Selection: MARABEAU SPECIAL

FOLKESTONE

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Beechwood Cottage. 2.15 *Mainbocher*. 2.45 Finest Kind. 3.15 What A Rowley. 3.45 Floret. 4.15 Catherine Schratt. 4.45 Mill Line. 5.15 City Heights.

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1.45 Sharp Times. 2.15 Bird Bath. 2.45 Finest Kind. 3.15 *Ultra Light*. 3.45 *Floret*. 4.15 Pride Of Kirby. 4.45 Silks Domino. 5.15 City Heights.

Going: soft **Draw 5f-6f, low numbers best**

1.45 BREDE APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£1,158: 6f) (20 runners)

2		0230	FOOLISH TOUCH 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) W Musson 5-9-12	D Biggs 6	
3		6301	KINDLED 35 (CD,F,G) R Smyth 3-8-8	A Mackay 4	
5		0469	BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 14 (D,D,F,G,S) A Bailey 5-8-8	Mandy Thorn (5) 9	
7		0600	STORM RUNNER 6 (D,F,G) G Fyfche 3-9-6	P Norton (5) 5	
8		2100	SHARP TIMES 52 (D,F,G) W Musson 5-9-4	A Spence 17	
18		3-00	OUT ON A FLYER 14 (D,F,G) D Elsworth 4-8-6	A Proctor 20	
20		1205	CLARE'S DELIGHT 12 (D,F,G) B Morgan 3-8-7	G Hodgson 19	
25		3303	HARMONY PARK 7 M Ryan 3-8-3	M Gradwell 10	
26		0000	SHAYAD 6 E Wheeler 3-8-2	W Hollick (5) 18	
27		050	MOSCADA 43 H Candy 3-8-0	Antoinette Armes (5) 5	
28		0220	STEVEJAN 14 (D,F,G) B Morgan 5-8-9	C Priest (5) 14	
29		0060	IRY DIAMOND RING 6 M Usher 3-8-0	R Price 12	
30		4460	CORN STREET 78 (D,F,G,S) J Bosley 10-8-0	A Tucker 11	
31		3640	MAJOR JACKO 87 (D,S) R Hannon 5-7-13	R Perham 1	
33		3610	SHARI LOOISE 14 (D,D,F,S) J Spearing 5-7-12	— 7	
36		-000	PARK VISTA 99 Pat Mitchell 3-7-12	D Ward (5) 23	
37		6304	TINA'S SONG 7 (BF) P Howling 3-7-11	— 16	
39		0602	ANSTEY BOY 68 E Wheeler 3-7-10	Beverley Mullins (5) 15	
41		6000	AIR VIEW 7 B Gubby 3-7-9	— 3	
43		0000	O-LA-LE 27 W Brooks 4-7-7	P Lynch 2	

5-1 Clare's Delight, 7-1 Kindled, Anstey Boy, 8-1 Sharp Times, 10-1 Foolish Touch, Beechwood Cottage, 14-1 others.

2.15 EBF ASHFORD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,701: 5f) (18)

1		500	ACTRESS 14 J Wharton 8-11	R Cochrane 6
5		03	AONIA 28 M Jarvis 8-11	S Raymond 16
7		0502	BABY TALK 7 R Hutchinson 8-11	B Rouse 15
9		3520	BIRD BATH 91 R Sheather 8-11	N Tinkler (7) 18
11		2245	DEVILS DINGE 28 (BF) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	G Baxter (5) 12
12		00	EASTERN HOME 66 D Elsworth 8-11	A Proctor (7) 4
13		05	ENCHANTED GODDESS 19 C Nelson 8-11	J Reid 7
15		6	FOREST BLAZE 102 (BF) I Balding 8-11	S O'Gorman (5) 13
16		0	GALAPAGOS 8 D Elsworth 8-11	W Newnes 11
18		000	LADY STOCK 11 L Cottrell 8-11	J Williams 2
19		20	MAINBOCHER 22 (BF) B Hills 8-11	M Hills 8
21		20	MURMURING 71 J Winter 8-11	Dale Gibson (5) 9
22		4053	POLLY PRETTY 7 John FitzGerald 8-11	G Baxter 5
23		30	PRETENTIOUS 115 A Bailey 8-11	P Bloomfield 17
26		00	RULED PAPER 147 K Brassey 8-11	S Whitworth 2
29			SPLINTERING P Walwyn 8-11	— 12
30			STRAW BID John FitzGerald 8-11	G Baxter 1
33			TWILIGHT FANTASY J Winter 8-11	A McGlone 14

3-1 Mainbocher, 4-1 Aonia, 5-1 Forest Blaze, 8-1 Baby Talk, 9-1 Devil's Dirge, Enchanted Goddess, 10-1 others.

2.45 EBF HURST GREEN MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £2,308: 6f) (12)

3		05	BLAKE'S PROGRESS 15 (V) I Matthews 9-0	W Newnes 2
5			BRIGHT SAPPHIRE J Hills 9-0	M Hills 10
7		0	D'ALTAGNAN 24 R Hannon 9-0	S Raymond 4
8		4055	DEEP REEF 16 L Cottrell 9-0	G Baxter 5
11		0	FINEST KIND 28 H Cecil 9-0	L Dettori (5) 12
19			MEADS BROW R Voorspuy 9-0	S Whitworth 3
20		6306	MIAMI BANKER 78 (B) P Arthur 9-0	— 1
21		00	MISTER BLISTER 10 Miss B Sanders 9-0	— 6
23		00	NON-RECOURSE 28 W Jarvis 9-0	S Raymond 9
28		00	SCANNER LAD 83 J Bennett 9-0	— 8
29		6	SHARPGUN 187 P Kelleway 9-0	G Bardwell (3) 11
33			TENDER DEALER R Hutchinson 9-0	J Reid 7
34			WINDING STREET 136F B Stevens 10-4	NON-RUNNER
25			YUFTROUW ANN 46F (B) K Wingrove 10-4	A Clark

5-4 Finest Kind, 3-1 Miami Banker, 5-1 Blake's Progress, 8-1 Sharpgun, 12-1 Deep Reef, 14-1 others.

3.15 EBF HURST GREEN MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £2,287: 6f) (12)

1		6	ALBEMERO 6 N Gaselee 9-0	W Newnes 2
2			BALLY KNIGHT J Shaw 9-0	M Gibb 1
28		000	CARWICK 22 G Lewis 9-0	J Matthias 12
13			HICKORY RUN 116 G Balding 9-0	J Williams 11
14		40	LAMEEB 15 (BF) P Walwyn 9-0	M Hills 8
16			MARKET MAKER (B) R Johnson Houghton 9-0	— 15
22		000	MUMMY'S HAT 32 M Stoughton 9-0	A Mackay 7
26			RUZ MISCHIEF L Cottrell 9-0	S O'Gorman (5) 5
31		0000	TALONS TALE 11 (B) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse 4
34		0	ULTRA LIGHT 24 M Jarvis 9-0	S Raymond 6
35		6430	UNROYAL WINDWAY 46 C Nelson 9-0	J Reid 3
36		20	WHAT A ROWLEY 35 (BF) G Huffer 9-0	G Bardwell (3) 5

7-4 What A Rowley, 7-2 Market Maker, 5-1 Laheeb, 7-1 Ultra Light, 10-1 Unroyal Windaw, 12-1 others.

3.45 SEDLESCOMBE SELLING STAKES (Div I: £850: 1m 2f) (10)

4		2033	BALLANTRAE 86 R Voorspuy 4-8-11	W Newnes 5
6		4032	FLORET 22 Pat Mitchell 4-8-11	S Raymond 10
10		5-	HARDY'S MARROLD 489 B Wise 4-8-11	P Bloomfield 1
14		1232	AU RON 11 (CD,G) D Morley 3-8-7	J Reid 9
16		6655	BLUE SWEDISH 7 S Dow 3-8-7	S Raymond 3
17		6005	COSSACK WARRIOR 6 R Hutchinson 3-8-7	R McGhin 8
25		-000	TWO TOTAL 11 G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-7	G Baxter (5) 7
28		-000	DONNOVA 27 (F) G Blum 3-8-4	Dale Gibson (5) 4
29		5044	MADAM TAYLOR 8 (F) H Collingridge 3-8-4	M Rimmer 2
31		6223	SORORITY 7 (B) D Laing 3-8-4	L Riggio (5) 6

5-2 Au Ron, 3-1 Sorority, 7-2 Floret, 6-1 Blue Ensign, 8-1 Ballantrae, 12-1 others.

4.15 SEDLESCOMBE SELLING STAKES (Div II: £948: 1m 2f) (9)

5		0000	CATHERINE SCHRATT 5 (B) (D) R Smyth 4-8-11	S Whitworth 6
7		0000	HONEY PLUM 63 (F) J O'Donoghue 4-8-11	B Rouse 7
8		0000	JEALOUS LOVER 28 (B,CD,F) P Makin 4-8-11	M Hills 4
11		2004	OLD PARK LANE 22 K Ivory 4-8-11	G Baxter 8
12		4506	PEERGLOW 22 C Williams 4-8-11	G Baxter 6
19		4003	FURNACE MILL 35 P Felgate 3-8-7	J Williams 2
24		0000	RUN FREE 71 J Scargill 3-8-7	— 1
28		6	GOLDIE OF PARIS 12 J Douglas-Home 3-8-4	G Bardwell (3) 3
30		1000	PRIDE OF KIRBY 27 (F) G Blum 3-8-4	Dale Gibson (5) 5

5-2 Catherine Schratt, 3-1 Jealous Lover, 7-2 Furnace Mill, 11-2 Pride Of Kirby, 8-1 Goldie Of Paris, 10-1 others.

4.45 ROBERTSBRIDGE HANDICAP (£1,831: 1m 4f) (20)

4		0000	COUNT TREVINO 104 (B) P Howling 4-9-10	J Reid 4
5		-300	ALPHA BRAVO 62 A Bailey 3-8-6	P Bloomfield 5
9		0230	BYWELL LAD 16 (F) R Curtis 3-8-5	L Dettori (5) 15
10		2234	CAMPING OUT 47 R Hoad 3-8-3	G Baxter 19
11		5-55	STEEL CYGNET 13 (D,S) G Enright 5-8-2	S O'Gorman (5) 1
12		0000	SAY YOU 11 (D,F) P Howling 4-8-2	— 17
14		0021	SILKS DOMINO 14 (B,S) M Ryan 3-8-1 (7ex)	G Bardwell (5) 12
15		3040	PANATHINAIKOS 43 (F) M Tompkins 3-8-13	M Hills 11
16		400	MILL LINE 43 H Candy 3-8-13	W Newnes 13
21		0000	VICEROY MELODY 8 (V) R Holder 3-8-10	J Williams 9
23		0000	SING THE BLUES 11 C Benstead 4-8-8	S Raymond 16
24		0000	RIVER DRAGON 22 J Payne 3-8-4	S Raymond 14
25		0000	MISS CHARMING 2000 M Ryan 4-8-2	J Ryan (5) 3
27		0000	DELIKISHA 8 G Huffer 3-8-9	Dale Gibson (5) 10
29		163-	VAGABUNDO 380 (C,B) M Ryan 7-8-6 N Gaselee (7) 7
32		6-44	FALLING SHADOW 193 (BF,B) A Ingham 4-8-4	R Cornes 8
35		0000	SWEET STRAW 32 D Murray-Smith 3-8-3	A McGlone 20
37		4000	VICKSTOWN 183 (D,G) B Morgan 6-8-1	C Hodgson (7) 18
39		0006	FOOKSTOOL 33 D Wilson 5-7-9	— 8
40		400	OUT OF THE PACK 43 D Laing 3-7-8	L Riggio (5) 2

7-2 Silks Domino, 5-1 Falling Shadow, Mill Line, 8-1 Bywell Lad, 9-1 Vickstown, Say You, 12-1 others.

5.15 NORTHIAM NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,341: 5f) (8)

1		11	CITY HEIGHTS 20 (D,G,S) A Bailey 8-7	P Bloomfield 2
2		4050	KAFU LADY 15 (D,F,S) A Bailey 8-4	B Raymond 4
4		6305	SHAMI RAMBLER 78 (B) P Arthur 8-0	— 6
8		2000	BLUSHING BUNNY 28 D Murray-Smith 8-9	R Wanstall 3
13		3046	SPOT ON ANNIE 8 M Madgwick 7-11	A McGlone 1
16		010	NORTHERN RAIN 161 (D,G) C Allen 7-7	G Bardwell (3) 5

5-4 City Heights, 3-1 Miami Banker, 11-2 Spot On Annie, 8-1 Northern Rain, Blushing Bunny, Kafu Lady.

Blinkered first time

REDCAR: 2.15 Sherzine; 2.45 High Tender, Blakeswares Breeze; 3.45 Magna Travallie; 4.45 Rocksavage; 5.15 Brotherton Castle.
FOLKESTONE: 2.45 Miami Banker, Blakes Progress; 5.15 Market Maker; 5.15 Miami Banker. WARWICK: 2.30 Parrocus.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: B Hills, 5 winners from 24 runners, 25.0%; R Johnson Houghton, 4 from 18, 22.2%; H Cecil, 4 from 18, 22.2%; L Cottrell, 8 from 37, 21.6%; G Lewis, 13 from 73, 17.8%; P Kelleway, 5 from 31, 16.1%.

JOCKEYS: M Hills, 9 winners from 80 rides, 15.0%; J Reid, 12 winners from 90 rides, 13.3%; S Whitworth, 11 from 87, 12.6%. (Only qualifiers).

NEWTON ABBOT

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Chiropodist. 2.30 That There. 3.0 Rowlandsons Jewels. 3.30 Earl Hansel. 4.0 Kittinger. 4.30 Celtic Bob.

Going: good to soft

2.0 MILLER LITE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,256: 2m 50yd) (16 runners)

1		2112	CHIROPODIST 7 (B,CD,F) M Pipe 11-12	P Scudamore
2		000-	STREETFIGHTER 7 (B,F) J Baker 11-6	M Watkins
5		5-04	BUCKSWELL 27 Mrs Barbara Waring 11-0	J Rubenis
6

Brian James sees a City accountant make the giant leap for man and horse in the Czech Grand National

Sporborg's epic ride reblazes killer trail

Pardubice, Czechoslovakia

This workaday town, 90 miles east of Prague, is known for two things nasty. It is the home of the Taxis, the most-feared obstacle in steeplechase racing, and it is where they make Semtex, the explosive most favoured by the world's bombers.

William Sporborg, an amateur horseman from Hertfordshire, is one of the few riders who took part in Sunday's running of the Pardubicka – the Czechoslovak Grand National – who does not believe that one should be used to eliminate the other.

For once again, the Taxis, a huge hedge and concealed ditch that requires a horse to cover more than 24 feet in a single bound, was the fence that finished off a third of the field. It was a pile-up to recall the race of 1984, when so many horses were injured that the Poles, after a century of participation, said they would never come back and the Czechoslovaks halved the field.

Yet Sporborg, on his father's hunter, Free Flow, silenced the knowing of the horse world who had declared the City accountant too inexperienced to survive the 30 fences and the ferocious unfamiliarity of the Pardubicka. He not only overcame the Taxis, but defended it. His race was feat enough, the second-best performance by a Briton for 75 years, to earn him a hearing.

To finish second when all but two others fell was epic. Yesterday, after a night of fairly immodest celebration, he felt able to declare easily: "When we all stood in a minute's silence at the briefing for a chap killed in this race a while back, I did rather wonder what I had let myself in for. But, actually, I thought the whole course was very jumpable. And Taxis? Well, not all that startling. When seen from above."

He would not get agreement from the Hungarian, the Russian and the three Czechoslovaks whose race was run at this fourth jump and who then joined in a multilingual moan. "Too much. Too high. Too far. Bad for horse."

"Bad for *bad* horses," Sporborg corrected. "Most of their horses are hurdlers – they go flat out and jump with a low trajectory. Start too far back and never make the distance. My chap is a proper hunter, gets close and then goes *up*.

"It is not the fences that are the big problem. It is the riders. Make no attempt to keep a line, barge anywhere that takes their fancy. Spent all morning learning the Czech for 'Keep straight'. In the excitement I forgot the word, but shouted, anyway. A lot."

Even with Czech words, Sporborg reached understanding with Josef Vana, the mountain rescue guide who rode the winner, Zeleznik, for the second successive year. "The Englishman surprised me. I feared most the Soviets until we started. Then he made me afraid. Good rider.

"We could not speak but I had an agreement with the Englishman," Vana said at the end. "Our horses wanted company. We rode together at the front – listening for the others. Then I shout to him, 'Quick, the Russians are coming.' Then we go fast together."



Hail and farewell to the Taxis: Sporborg, with one 24-foot bound, is over the notorious hedge cum ditch while another runner founders (Photographs: Stephen Markeson)

Sporborg tells it differently. "I knew his horse would refuse if left to face the big ditches on its own. So would mine. I tried to get behind Vana. He wouldn't have it. It was cat and mouse. But we both got nervous when that Russian started to close up from behind."

That Russian horse was Slitok, whose fall at the last big water ditch was horrific. The horse broke both legs and was destroyed . . . the only bad casualty of a race that since 1874 has meant one or two horse deaths most years until the Czechoslovaks insisted on qualification events for their own animals post-1984.

But the tragedy saved embarrassment. The Russian jockey had remounted, which is allowed. But become unseated at the water. He spectators had caught his horse on the far side of the obstacle. "He would have to be disqualifed if he finished," a Czechoslovak organizer said. "If he had won I do not know if the stewards would dare. Some are old men, with certain attitudes to Russians."

Attitudes linger, but are losing their grip. Sporborg's welcome (motorway police were ready with smiles and map-reading hints as soon as Free Flow crossed the border) was part of a campaign to make the Pardubicka again a genuinly international event.

Which is why in a stroke the prize-fund was doubled for 1988 to near £35,000. By 1990, and the 100th running of the race, they may even let winners from the West take their money home, at present forbidden under currency regulations.

If that does not pull in the best horses and horsemen of Europe, the Czechoslovaks may go for western commercial sponsorship, or even adverts around the course – a staggering departure when you see know the present Pardubice track lined with stalls effectively labelled State Beer, State T-shirts, State Plastic Horseshoe Souvenirs and State Hot-Dogs.

Western influences already exist. Officially, all betting is on the tote. But here and there in the 50,000 crowd – as ruddy-faced and roguish a bunch as ever graced an Irish horse fair – there were swirls of activity around gangs of men in garish leather jerkins and sharp shoes who had difficulty in closing their fists around wads of money.

Oh, yes, an official said, black bookmakers do take money. Much? "Well, the official ticket on the tote is 10 korunas (about 65p). One man put 500,000 kčs on a horse and seemed very satisfied when it won and he got 550,000 back. We think perhaps he was doing something not very legal."

In a country where it is virtually impossible for visitors to do anything involving money in a legal way (taxi-drivers and waiters froth into a frenzy if you try paying them what it says on the bill in their own nation's money) he was possibly right.

The Sporborgs depart today: Free Flow to try for a repeat win in the Melton Hunt Cup back home next month; William to endure the "very serious mickey-taking" he knows awaits him over his accountancy books at Price Waterhouse; and father Christopher (seen in the owners' enclosure staring with deep disbelief at the State Farm bosses who were his rivals) to tell his Jockey Club chums how "really very differently they do things in Pardubice". They have to leave their £6,500 winnings in a Czechoslovak bank "to pay for our next time", they tell everyone.

Will there be a next time? "With the champers flowing, we said so," William said. "But perhaps not. We have rather been there . . . seen this . . . done that." But his success, as such it was, is certain to reblaze a century-old path for British racing men. The Taxis and the water of the Great Moat – gleaming evilly in the setting October sun – are challenges likely to find more takers.



Where second best calls for the thumbs up: Sporborg and Free Flow

CRICKET

Injury to Reid mars day for Australia

From Richard Streeton
Lahore

Australia had their most rewarding day in the series yesterday, when they finished the fourth day of the third Test match 239 runs ahead and seven wickets in hand. With only one day left, though, time and an easy-paced pitch still look likely to mitigate against a definite result.

The only setback Australia suffered was a recurrence of back trouble for Bruce Reid, the left-arm fast bowler. Reid retired with muscular spasms in his back after starting the disintegration of the Pakistan innings. They lost their last seven wickets for 68 runs and were all out for 233, 107 runs behind. Australia reached 132 for three by the close.

Just under eight hours remained when Australia began their second innings, which was launched by Boon and Marsh with their second half-century stand in the game. They took more risks than usual and it was Pakistan's turn for the first time to look fallible in the field. Boon was finally held by Javed Miandad at backward point as he tried to steer Jaffer away. Jones, on a pair, was leg-before first ball as he played back to an inswinger that cut back. In six Test innings, Jones has made 44 runs, he has been leg-before four times and goes home with a Test average of 8.80.

Border deprived Jaffer of a hat-trick with a three and was looking for quick runs when he fell in identical fashion to the first innings. He pushed forward against Tauseef and was caught behind. Marsh was missed in the slips at 35 and 60 but finished 75 not out.

Pakistan's unexpected collapse began when three wickets fell in successive overs after only seven runs were added to their overnight 165 for three. Reid, bowling at his liveliest, brought dismayed groans from the crowd when he dismissed Miandad, caught by Healy, in his second over.

Salim Malik was brilliantly caught by Dodemaide, who clung right-handed to a fierce, low drive, as he followed through, and when Saleem Yousuf aimed an airy drive, with head in the air, in Reid's next over and was caught behind, Pakistan had lost three wickets in seven balls.

Shortly afterwards, Reid forlornly walked off for treatment. His four hostile overs brought him two for 10 and his departure meant that the Australian attack lost its cutting edge. Abdul Qadir was able to stay 81 minutes before the new ball was taken and Dodemaide immediately had him leg-before to a full toss.

Ijaz Ahmed shared another defensive stand with Iqbal Qasim before Dodemaide moved round the wicket and had Ijaz leg-before to end a two-hour dogged display. May, the off-spinner, took the last two wickets, having Iqbal leg-before and Tauseef Ahmed held at short leg.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 340 (A R Border 75, G R Marsh 64, S R Waugh 59)

Second Innings	
G R Marsh not out	75
D C Boon c Miandad b Jaffer	28
D M Jones lbw b Jaffer	0
A R Border c Yousuf b Tauseef	20
P L Taylor not out	5
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total (3 wkts)	132

G M Wood, S R Waugh, †I A Healy, A I C Dodemaide, T B A May and B A Reid to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-71, 3-108.

BOWLING: Jaffer 12-2-41-2; Mudassar 3-0-8-0; Tauseef 16-2-38-1; Qadir 4-0-26-0; Qasim 3-0-15-0.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Mudassar Nazar c Boon b May	27
Ramiz Raja c Healy b Reid	64
Shoaib Mohammad run out	13
*Javed Miandad c Healy b Reid	27
Salim Malik c and b Dodemaide	25
Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Dodemaide	23
†Saleem Yousuf c Healy b Reid	1
Abdul Qadir lbw b Dodemaide	18
Iqbal Qasim lbw b May	14
Tauseef Ahmed c Boon b May	3
Salim Jaffer not out	0
Extras (lb-6 nb-11)	17
Total	233

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-104, 3-118, 4-172, 5-172, 6-173, 7-206, 8-226, 9-232.

BOWLING: Reid 23-3-53-3; Waugh 18-4-34-0; Dodemaide 26-8-56-3; May 27 2-6-73-3; Taylor 4-2-11-0

Umpires: Khizar Hayat and Salim Bader.

BASKETBALL

Depleted supply of Carlsberg

By Nicholas Harling

With no sponsors to succeed Prudential, no first round shocks and not even the presence, in name at least, of last season's two finalists, the National Cup competition, which began at the weekend, is not helping to restore some of basketball's missing credibility.

Only one second round match on October 29 will feature Carlsberg League clubs, Leicester City Riders and Olympic City Giants. Not that the situation in the Carlsberg League is any better. Take next weekend, for instance. Only three first-class matches are scheduled, two in the NatWest Trophy, and a single Carlsberg League game on Sunday between Rangers and Hemel-Watford Royals.

Since two clubs have folded, two more have changed identity and yet two others have elected to play in the National League, it is hardly the fault of the Carlsberg League, who now have only 11 clubs under their jurisdiction. "We had a full programme scheduled at every weekend," David Clarke, the league's administrator commented yesterday. "If clubs drop out, others can always rearrange games at short notice."

Oldham Celtics, one of the clubs to have changed status, came closest to being the victims of a shock in the cup, albeit one that would hardly have caused a ripple. Terry Stuart's 46 points for Corby reduced Oldham's winning margin to 10, which was still cause for celebration in Lancashire. The 106-96 victory was Oldham's first this season.

The only two first-round ties involving Carlsberg League teams, both ended in home wins but only after Bracknell Tigers and Manchester Eagles had been stretched to the limits. Although Bracknell won comfortably, 82-68 in the end, Solent Stars almost overcame the handicap of being without both their Americans for all but the first five minutes.

Injured hands prevented Tyrone Cameno from starting what would have been his last match before he returns today to Kentucky because of homesickness, but Solent's cause was not helped by Phil Smith having to retire with an eye injury.

Sunderland, too, ran out of steam at Manchester, who finished 103-94 winners.

EQUESTRIANISM

Turi riding for high stakes

By Jenny MacArthur

David Broome and Queensway Countryman, whose fourth individual place at the Olympics was the best British performance, are among the 37 British entries competing for more than £100,000 at the Horse of the Year Show, which begins today in the Wembley Arena. The eight foreign riders include Ludger Beerbaum and Franke Sloothaak, the members of the West German gold medal-winning team in Seoul.

This year's prize-fund has been boosted by the introduction of the Next International Masters competition on Friday night based on the concept of winner-takes-all. The first prize will be a minimum of £8,000 – the highest offered – but could be more than £20,000 if the event continues over four jump-offs. The prize-money increases with each round and the riders – seven can qualify – drop out as soon as they incur a penalty.

Broome and Joe Turi are the only members of the Seoul team competing with their Olympic horses – Queensway Countryman and Country Classics Vital. They, and Turi's second horse Kruger, arrived back from the Games a week ago looking fighting fit after their 16-hour flight.

Even so, Michael Bullman, the owner of Turi's horses, had not wanted to take Vital to Wembley – only changing his mind when the organizers refused to stretch the rules and allow Turi's other horse Mill Ruby, a grade B, to compete.

Nick Skelton and Malcolm Pyrah, the other two members of the British Olympic team, will both ride their second strings. For Skelton it will provide a chance to assess Serenade, the nine-year-old mare, a recent purchase from Paul Schockemöhle's yard while Pyrah, whose Olympic horse Towerlands Anglezarke is to be retired, will ride Towerlands Diamond Seeker and It's Me.

Chief among the other 37 British showjumpers are the brothers Michael and John Whitaker and Harvey Smith and his son, Robert.

John is riding Next Milton and, having last competed with him at Luxembourg at the end of August, comes to Wembley fresh and eager for a win. Michael's top horse is Next Warren Point, on whom he is aiming for a second successive win in Saturday night's Everest Double Glazing grand prix, the closing event of the show.

MOTOR RACING

Successful formula for Brundle and Jaguar

By John Blunsden

Martin Brundle and the Silk Cut Jaguar team have been good for each other. By winning the Fuji 1,000-kilometre race in Japan on Sunday, when the Norfolk driver was partnered by his usual co-driver, Eddie Cheever, from the United States, the Jaguar team, run by Tom Walkinshaw's TWR Racing organization, has emerged the world sports prototype champions for the second year in succession and Brundle is world champion driver at his first attempt.

The Japanese race was the 10th round in this year's endurance racing calendar and it marked Jaguar's sixth victory, the other four rounds having gone to the formidable Sauber-Mercedes team, who have provided Jaguar's main opposition this year and whose most successful driver, Jean-Louis Schlesser, was Brundle's chief rival for the drivers' title. Brundle has been in the winning car on five occasions to Cheever's four and has won the championship outright.

His success on the endurance racing scene could not have been more timely as he considers the options already open to him for next season. A year ago, faced with the prospect of a fifth season of formula one racing with an uncompetitive car or a change of scene, he chose the latter, convinced that Walkinshaw's offer of the top Jaguar drive would enable him to remind the world of his own competitiveness (he was Ayrton Senna's toughest rival in their formula three days) as well as provide him with the opportunity to achieve major racing success.

The one disappointment of an otherwise highly successful season was Le Mans, where he was unable to enjoy to the full Jaguar's victory because his own car had retired after being such a strong challenger.

Although he has already received offers from Jaguar and Mercedes either of which would assure him of another competitive season of sports prototype racing, Brundle's prime aim throughout this year has been to secure his return to formula one, but only with a leading team.

When he stood in for the unwell Nigel Mansell at the Belgian Grand Prix at the end of August and drove his Williams-Judd with impressive conviction he was given a taste of life at the highly professional "sharp end" of the pit road, which previously he had not experienced, and this has reinforced his determination only to accept what he considers to be a top formula one drive.

The problem is there are very few of them left.

VOLLEYBALL

Krystal Klear begin as they mean to finish

By Roddy Mackenzie

Krystal Klear, the reigning Scottish champions, showed their determination to retain their Royal Bank men's national league title with a 3-1 home win against their nearest neighbours, Scottish Farm, at the weekend.

Next Saturday's home clash with Kinleith Plant, who beat their local rivals, Ellon Sports, away by the same margin and are also undefeated, should be the clearest indication of the destination of this year's championship.

Newly promoted Bon Accord were unlucky to lose 3-2 away against DV-81 and are still without a win at the bottom of the league.

In the women's league, Wheatsheaf Jets sprang a surprise by beating Provincial Insurance 3-2, while the champions, Kyle, remain undefeated at the top with a 3-2 win over Falkirk.

In England, Star Aquila top the men's league, but only on set difference, having played a game more than two undefeated sides with the same points and sets, Polonia and Maltory. Newly promoted Star took Maltory, the league and cup champions, to five sets at Tooting LC last week. Bradford are anchored at the bottom without a win after two further defeats in the capital at the weekend.

SWIMMING

Conflicts rise over new code

By Steven Downes

The governing bodies in Britain have been preparing themselves for a new era, with money in the sport, by drafting a new "code of eligibility" for British and English team-members, which is due to be introduced in the New Year.

The new code, drafted on behalf of both the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain and the Amateur Swimming Association, goes before the executive committee for approval next month, and is, according to Derek Stubbs, the ASA's director of swimming and one of the authors of the document, "just setting out on paper what is expected from staff and teams, in terms of performance and behaviour.

"It is not meant to be a list of dos and don'ts. We've always had a code of conduct – this is just updating it."

The principal problem has been presented by FINA, the international governing body, which adopted a new constitution at its congress in Seoul that erased the word amateur from its eligibility rule, allowing swimmers to compete internationally unless the sport is the sole occupation on which he or she is financially dependant.

FINA also opens the way for swimmers to garner income through competitive performance as well as endorsements, an area of potential conflict which the British code of eligibility attempts to deal with.

In introducing the code of eligibility, however, the ASFGB and later the ASA, will require swimmers in the international squad to sign a document binding them to appear at certain meetings during the year. In a burgeoning fixture list which will include FINA's own World Cup series, swimmers in greater demand, such as Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic gold medal-winner, are sure to have offers to compete elsewhere.

Yet Moorhouse is to be presented with the same document which new members of the junior squads will also be asked to sign. The potential for contractual problems is great, and come 1989, some leading members of the British team may prefer not to sign the code at all.

FINA WORLD CUP: 1988-89 meetings: December 15-17: Toronto; 19-20: Indianapolis, January 6-8: Perth, Australia; 27-29: Eindhoven, Netherlands; February 3-5: Paris; 6-8: Berlin; 10-12: Bonn; 14-15: Gothenburg; 17-18: Venice; 24-26: London.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Tie at Headingley could be the pick

By Keith Macklin

While the preliminary and first round draws of the John Player Special Trophy yesterday threw up its usual mixture of uninspiring fixtures, the first round promises three excellent contests between first division sides.

If Castleford win their preliminary round game at Workington, and it would be remarkable if they failed, the stage will be set for a marvellous clash at Headingley between Leeds and Castleford, Halifax, last year's challenge cup finalists, have an attractive home draw with the most improved side in the rugby league, Salford.

The third excellent match between first division teams brings yet another meeting at Wilderspool between Warrington and Oldham, who met each other in the John Player, the Lancashire Cup and the challenge cup last season.

Another likely first division battle will be between Widnes and Featherstone Rovers, with Rovers almost certain to dispose of second division Hunslet in the preliminary round.

The two amateur sides who enter the competition by virtue of reaching the final of the National Cup are drawn together. However, the winners have to travel in the first round to visit Sheffield Eagles.

The holders, St Helens, visit the improving second division York but one of the more interesting games between second division clubs brings together Swinton and Doncaster.

Hull Kingston Rovers, Hull, Wakefield Trinity and Bradford Northern should have little difficulty in reaching the second round. They all play second division opposition.

This will be the eighteenth season of the trophy, the longest running big sponsorship in any sport. The prize-money is a record £170,000, with the winner due to receive the highest first prize of £18,000.

PRELIMINARY ROUND: Featherstone Rovers v Hunslet; Workington Town v Castleford; Bramley v Fulham; St Patrick's Wigan v Ellend.

FIRST ROUND: Swinton v Doncaster; Halifax v Sheffield; Hull Kingston Rovers v Keighley; Runcorn Highfield v Wigan; Leigh v Barrow; Rochdale Hornets v Whitehaven; Widnes v Featherstone Rovers or Hunslet; Leeds v Workington Town or Castleford; York v St Helens; Sheffield Eagles v St Patrick's or Ellend; Huddersfield v Chorley Borough; Hull v Batley; Wakefield Trinity v Carlisle; Warrington v Oldham; Bradford Northern v Dewsbury; Bramley or Fulham v Mansfield Marksman. (Preliminary round to be played between October 23 and November 6; first round on November 12 or 13).

● BRISBANE: The Australian captain, Wally Lewis, may miss the start of the 1989 season because of a badly broken arm suffered in Sunday's World Cup win over New Zealand in Auckland (AP reports).

RUGBY UNION

Bainbridge stands by

There is still no place in the Durham side for Steve Bainbridge, the British Lion lock forward, who made himself available for the county when he returned to Gosforth this season after a spell with Fylde.

Bainbridge is named as a replacement for the Derby game against Northumberland at Percy Park tonight.

The only other change from the team which defeated Yorkshire in the opening match is the injured Stuart Harmes, of Durham City, who is replaced by the Durham University student, Phil De Glanville.

Stand-off half, David Johnson, has been recalled by Northumberland. The former England B player, replaces Chris Leslie, of Tynedale. The only other change is at wing, where Mark Richard, recovered from a neck injury, resumes in place of his Tynedale colleague, John Rutherford.

Langhorn, scorer of two tries in Kent's opening county championship match against Sussex two weeks ago, has withdrawn from the side to meet Hampshire at Basingstoke tomorrow because of business commitments. His place is taken by a Harlequins colleague, David Thresher.

● A leg injury has forced the Wakefield scrum half, David Scully, to withdraw from the Yorkshire team to meet Cheshire at Wilmslow today. His place goes to Terry McMaw, of Roundhay.

● Chris Howard, the Rugby wing, has put club before county and pulled out of Gloucestershire's Toshiba Championship game against Dorset and Wilts at Salisbury on Saturday.

SNOOKER

Higgins is warned and fined

By Steve Acteson

Alex Higgins was given a suspended fine and "severely reprimanded" by a World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) disciplinary committee yesterday following his most recent conflict with the sport's authorities.

He was fined £1,500, which is suspended until after next spring's world championship, and ordered to pay costs of £500 following his refusal to take a drugs test after losing in the final of a minor tournament in Glasgow last month.

Higgins, aged 39, refused to comment yesterday, but was quoted by the WPBSA as saying that he supported the body's drugs policy and "apologized for having acted in an unprofessional manner".

● Alain Robidoux, Canada's newest professional, continued his fine start to the season by overwhelming John Virgo, ranked No. 15 in the world, 5-1 to reach the last 32 of the Rothmans Grand Prix in Reading last night.

Doug Mountjoy, the former Welsh and United Kingdom champion, also reached the fifth round when he beat Mick Fisher, of England, 5-1.

RESULTS: Fourth round: A Robidoux (Can) bt J Virgo (Eng) 5-1; Frame scores (Virgo first): 48-77, 77-12, 36-76, 22-75, 1-58, 21-68; D Mountjoy (Wales) bt M Fisher (Eng), 5-1; Frame scores (Mountjoy first): 9-71, 71-35, 69-58, 57-48, 75-2, 86-9. Today's order of play: 10.00 a.m.: A Knowles (Eng) v J O'Boye (Int); D Reynolds (Eng) v L Dodd (Eng); J Parrott (Eng) v M Morris (Can); S Francisco (Eng) v R Edmonds (Eng); W Thorne (Eng) v G Wilkinson (Eng); R Williams (Eng) v J Meadel (Eng). 7.30 p.m.: D O'Kane (NI) v D Gilbert (Eng); N Foulds (Eng) v M Hallett (Eng); A Higgins (N Ire) v D Roe (Eng).

FOOTBALL: THE WITHDRAWAL OF LEADING PLAYERS GIVES THE SCOTLAND COACH EARLY REASON FOR APPREHENSION

Durrant's absence deals a painful blow to Roxburgh

By Roddy Forsyth

The announcement of a squad of players to represent Scotland in an international match is always an expression of hope rather than belief that anything like the full quota will actually be available for duty.

Even allowing for the rate of attrition which Andy Roxburgh has experienced in his two years in charge, the national coach was deeply apprehensive about the disruption to his plans caused by the withdrawal of Gary Gillespie, of Liverpool, and Ian Durrant, of Rangers, from the squad for the World Cup qualifying match with Yugoslavia at Hampden Park next week.

The manner in which Durrant acquired his injury has had the effect of shocking those who saw it administered at Pittodrie on Saturday. The tackle by Neil Simpson did serious damage and Durrant underwent an operation yesterday. He is likely to be out of action for the rest of the season.

Roxburgh said yesterday: "Durrant's injury is a very serious matter and on a personal level I am deeply disturbed and distressed. I fell it for ourselves but more so for the lad who is in the early stages of what seemed very likely to be a fine international career."

The fact that Neil Simpson, the perpetrator of Durrant's anguish, was missing from the squad was, the coach insisted, not connected with Saturday's incident. "I had decided last week not to involve Simpson and to bring in Jim Bett, simply because he is the man in form."

Also restored to the international party is David Speedie, of Coventry, who was involved in well-publicized disputes with Roxburgh's predecessor, Alex Ferguson, who left the player, then with Chelsea, out of the Scottish squad for the World Cup finals in Mexico. Whatever problems he has had as a Scotland player were not with me," Roxburgh said.

SCOTLAND SQUAD: J Leighton (Manchester United), A Goram (Hibernian), S Gunn (Norwich City), R Gough (Rangers), M Malpas (Dundee United), W Miller (Aberdeen), A McLeish (Aberdeen), D Narey (Dundee United), R Aitken (Celtic), J Bett (Aberdeen), M MacLeod (Borussia Mönchengladbach), P Mcstay (Celtic), S Nicol (Liverpool), D Speedie (Coventry), G Strachan (Manchester United), K Gallacher (Dundee United), M Johnston (Nantes), B McClair (Manchester United), A McCoist (Rangers), G Sharp (Everton).
SCOTLAND UNDER-21 SQUAD: C Mosey (St Mirren), A Ferguson (Hamilton Academicals), A Main (Dundee United), A Cleland (Dundee United), B Hamilton (St Mirren), S Nisbet (Rangers), D Robertson (Aberdeen), D Weir (Celtic), D McPherson (Hearts), J Collins (Hibernian), D Kevan (Notts Co), W McKinlay (Dundee U), E Mair (Hibernian), T Wilson (Nottingham F), S Campbell (Dundee), R Fleck (Norwich), J Miller (Celtic), P Wright (Aberdeen).

Injury has forced the only change to the squad named yesterday by Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, for the World Cup, group six match in Hungary tomorrow week.

Paul Ramsey, of Leicester City, is missing because of a knee injury.

NORTHERN IRELAND SQUAD: A McKnight (West Ham United), P Hughes (Wigan Athletic), M Donaghy (Luton Town), A Rogan (Celtic), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), G McClelland (Wexford), A McDonald (Queen's Park Rangers), B McNally (Shrewsbury Town), K Wilson (Chelsea), J Colvin (Leicester City), D Wilson (Luton Town), C Clarke (Southampton), M O'Neill (Newcastle United), R Dennison (Wolverhampton Wanderers), D McCreery (Newcastle United), S Penney (Brighton and Hove Albion), K Black (Luton Town).

● Paul McGrath, of Manchester United, has withdrawn from the Republic of Ireland side for the exhibition match against Tunisia at Lansdowne Road on October 19. He will also miss the World Cup qualifying match against Spain on November 16.



Getting to grips at Elland Road: Howard Wilkinson (right), when he took over yesterday as Leeds United manager, with his chairman, Leslie Silver. Report, page 46

Yorath builds on old foundations

By Ian Ross

The defensive partnership upon which Terry Yorath, the Wales manager, hopes to build his country's World Cup campaign will be restored for the group four qualifying game against Finland at Swansea next week.

The Everton players, Kevin Ratcliffe and Pat van den Hauwe, were yesterday included in a 16-man squad and will play at the Vetch Field despite their lack of fitness.

Ratcliffe, the captain, played his first senior game in 10 months at the weekend after recovering from a hernia operation, van den Hauwe is suffering from the after-effects of ankle and thigh injuries.

The squad shows three changes from the one named for the opening group game against The Netherlands last month, in Amsterdam, which Wales lost by one goal.

Davies, of Swansea City, is unavailable because of a pelvic injury, and his club colleague, Knill, who made his first international appearance against Netherlands, and Law, of Queen's Park Rangers, are omitted. Pascoe, of Sunderland, who last played for his country four years ago, is recalled.

Yorath said: "Even if Ratcliffe had not played a first-team game I would have included him. It is disappointing to lose Davies but his absence does give me the chance to bring in an extra attacking player."

WALES SQUAD: N Southall (Everton), T Normans (Hull City), G Hall (Chelsea), C Blackmore (Manchester United), K Ratcliffe (Everton), P van den Hauwe (Everton), P Nicholas (Chelsea), G Hodges (Watford), K Jenkins (Watford), B Horne (Portsmouth), D Saunders (Oxford United), G Williams (Derby County), M Aizlewood (Leeds United), I Rush (Liverpool), M Hughes (Manchester United), C Pascoe (Sunderland).

American in Oldham goal

Winston Dubose, the American international goalkeeper, makes his debut for injury-hit Oldham Athletic in the Littlewoods Cup against Darlington tonight. Dubose, aged 32, has been granted a Home Office work permit just in time to replace the on-loan Peter Litchfield, who is ruled out of the second round, second leg game because Bradford City do not want him cup-tied.

Oldham, trailing 2-0 from the first leg, are without Rhodes, their regular goalkeeper, defenders Flynn and Barlow, plus Milligan, their midfield player. Irwin and Blundell face late fitness tests.

One man missing from Barnsley's squad which restricted Luton Town, the holders, to a 1-1 draw in the first leg is their central defender, Steve Davis, who has an injured heel.

The Notts County manager, John Barnwell, believes his third division side, which drew the first leg 1-1, can still beat Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane. "The pressure is on Spurs," Barnwell said. "The match has come at the right time for us because we are just starting to put together a useful run of results."

Frank Burrows, the Cardiff City manager, will have to include some of his walking wounded against Queen's Park Rangers at Ninian Park, who start 3-0 up.

Bristol City, still reeling from a 5-1 defeat against Fulham — their heaviest at home in the League since November 1959 — will have Humphries fit to return to bolster the defence at home to Oxford United. Shutt has also recovered from an injury for City, who defend a 4-2 lead.

Red star twinkles in new firmament

By Keith Blackmore

Aleksandr Zavarov, signed by Juventus from Dynamo Kiev to fill the boots of Michel Platini, enjoyed a successful start to his career in the Italian first division on Sunday.

After only four minutes of the game at Como he dribbled past three defenders before providing the pass from which de Agostini scored. Five minutes later he began the move which gave Laudrup, the Danish forward, his first goal in the championship since March last year. Buso completed the scoring as Juventus won 3-0.

AC Milan, the champions, also enjoyed an encouraging start. Virdis, who was outstanding at the Olympics, continued to shine, scoring three times as Milan beat Fiorentina 4-0. The win was all the more impressive since Gullit was missing with an injury.

Inter Milan, strengthened by the West Germans, Matthäus and Brehme, won 3-1 at Ascoli, thanks to two goals by Serena, and Napoli beat Atalanta with a goal scored in injury time by Giachetti. Thirty people were injured as supporters fought during the goalless match between Pescara and Roma. The Brazilian forward, Renato, failed to make an impression.

In Spain, Schuster put on a characteristic performance for Real Madrid as they beat Real Zaragoza 4-0. Schuster scored from a free kick and played well until being sent off for pushing.

Two players were sent off and 12 booked as Atlético Madrid beat Málaga 2-1. Barcelona overcame Real Sociedad, thanks to a goal from Salinas, to replace as leaders Howard Kendall's Athletic Bilbao, who lost for the first time this season at Elche.

The European champions, PSV Eindhoven, retained top position in the Dutch first division, despite losing to Ajax. Two goals by Witschge provided Ajax supporters with the first bright spot in an otherwise gloomy season.

VfB Stuttgart regained the top position in the West German first division. First-half goals by Allgower and Gaudino were enough to beat Eintracht Frankfurt. The previous leaders, Bayern Munich, who scored seven times in the UEFA Cup on Wednesday, failed to score in a draw with Hanover, the bottom club.

A goal by Hoddle set Monaco on the way to recovering lost ground in the French first division. His goal in the third minute, and others by Weah and Fofana, were enough to bring the progress of Olympique Marseille to an abrupt halt. Auxerre returned to the top by beating Saint Etienne 2-0.

Wright awaits his fate

Mark Wright, the Derby captain and former England centre half, could face a similar fate to Paul Davis after the Football Association has studied the report of his sending-off at Derby last Saturday (Dennis Shaw writes). Wright, like the Arsenal midfield player, will be charged with bringing the game into disrepute if the report of the referee, Alan Seville, confirms Press descriptions of the incident in which the Derby captain appeared to aim a blow at Trevor Putney, who also was sent off.

Wright looks certain to receive a three-match ban for violent conduct plus a club fine of 50 percent of his wages. "I deserve it," Wright said.

● West Bromwich Albion will fight to keep Ron Atkinson now that Atlético Madrid have confirmed they will shortly be making an offer for their manager. Syd Lucas, the club's former chairman, said: "Atkinson has done an exceptional job here and has 21 months of a contract to run. It has been a pleasure to watch our team playing football for the first time in two or three years."

● John Bird, the Hartlepool manager, aged 40, is to be the manager of York City.

● Plymouth Argyle will this week complete the £30,000 signing of the Nottingham Forest player, Calvin Plummer.

BOXING

McDonnell could do McGuigan a political favour

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

If Barry McGuigan is looking for a world title, he would be well advised to wait another three weeks before deciding which of the three world champions to tackle. For on November 2, Jim McDonnell, of Camden, challenges Brian Mitchell, of South Africa, for the World Boxing Association (WBA) junior-lightweight title at the Elephant and Castle.

If McDonnell's matchmaker, Mickey Duff, has been as clever as usual in picking the right opponent at the right time, then McDonnell, by lifting the title, will have removed the South African political obstacle that has prevented McGuigan from challenging for the WBA title. McGuigan might consider McDonnell an easier opponent than either of the two other champions, certainly than Azumah Nelson, of Ghana.

McDonnell said yesterday that he wanted to make his first defence against McGuigan. It would be his chance to make big money. "McGuigan is the Michael Jackson of boxing," McDonnell said. But McDonnell, who works as a caretaker for Camden Council, warned: "McGuigan won't get red-carpet treatment. No way will I take less than McGuigan, as I would be the champion. I know he is the draw, so I might agree to 50-50 but not less. It would be a great fight because I am also Irish, my parents come from co Mayo."

The main obstacle is that McGuigan is managed by Frank Warren, the arch-rival of the Duff-Lawless group. The fact that Mitchell is a South African does not worry McDonnell or Duff. "I am a professional," McDonnell said. "I don't mix politics with sport."

Duff said: "I am delighted we have finally made this fight. This is something Jim has been waiting for for a long time. If you allow sport to mix with politics you are guilty of being the same as the South Africans." No doubt anti-apartheid groups will take a different view of such thinking.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Tomczak assumes a familiar role

By Robert Kirley

This one sounds like old times: Tomczak replaced McMahon in the second quarter and led three scoring drives to give the Chicago Bears a 24-7 victory over the Detroit Lions in the National Football League on Sunday. Tomczak completed 12 of 22 passes for 158 yards, including a 31-yard touchdown toss to Morris.

McMahon, who had remained healthy enough to start the first five games of the season for the first time in his career, was concussed during a sack by the linebackers, Gibson and Jamison. McMahon completed an 11-yard scoring pass to McKinnon in the first quarter.

The Cincinnati Bengals remained the league's only undefeated team through the running of Elbert "Ickey" Woods, a first-year player, who scored second-half touchdowns of five and 17 yards to give the Bengals a 36-19 victory over the spluttering New York Jets.

Bryant and Rypien turned second-quarter turnovers into three touchdowns as the Washington Redskins recorded a 35-17 win over the Dallas Cowboys. Bryant gained 114 yards and scored on three receptions as the Redskins beat the Cowboys for the fourth successive time.

● David Croudip, of the Atlanta Falcons, died yesterday after suffering seizures at his home in suburban Atlanta. He was aged 29. The cause of death was not known. Croudip was a reserve cornerback and a leader on special teams.

RESULTS: Chicago 24, Detroit 7, Buffalo 34, Indianapolis 23; Houston 7, Kansas City 6; LA Rams 33, Atlanta 0; Green Bay 45, New England 3; Cincinnati 36, New York Jets 19; Seattle 16, Cleveland 10; Minnesota 14, Tampa Bay 13, Washington 35, Dallas 17; Phoenix 31, Pittsburgh 14, New Orleans 23, San Diego 17; Miami 24, LA Raiders 14; Denver 18, San Francisco 13 (ot).

American Conference	W	L	T	PF	PA
East division					
Buffalo Bills	5	1	0	111	105
New York Jets	3	2	1	124	97
Miami Dolphins	3	3	0	98	95
New England Patriots	2	4	0	78	148
Indianapolis Colts	1	5	0	99	125
Central division					
Cincinnati Bengals	6	0	0	171	107
Houston Oilers	4	2	0	119	138
Cleveland Browns	3	3	0	82	92
Pittsburgh Steelers	1	5	0	116	158
West division					
Seattle Seahawks	4	2	0	112	109
Denver Broncos	3	3	0	116	109
Los Angeles Raiders	2	4	0	141	169
San Diego Chargers	2	4	0	74	122
Kansas City Chiefs	1	4	1	79	98
National Conference					
East division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Phoenix Cardinals	4	2	0	160	124
New York Giants	3	2	0	111	116
Washington Redskins	3	3	0	148	137
Philadelphia Eagles	2	3	0	128	105
Dallas Cowboys	2	4	0	108	125
Central division					
Chicago Bears	5	1	0	130	67
Minnesota Vikings	4	2	0	121	84
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2	4	0	100	132
Detroit Lions	1	5	0	85	117
Green Bay Packers	1	5	0	102	125
West division					
Los Angeles Rams	5	1	0	178	109
New Orleans Saints	5	1	0	140	112
San Francisco 49ers	4	2	0	142	120
Atlanta Falcons	1	5	0	112	167

● Does not include last night's game: Philadelphia v NY Giants.

FIXTURES: Sunday: NY Giants v Detroit; New England v Cincinnati; Chicago v Dallas; Minnesota v Green Bay; Pittsburgh v Houston; Kansas City v LA Raiders; Cleveland v Philadelphia; Washington v Phoenix; Miami v San Diego; Indianapolis v Tampa Bay; LA Rams v San Francisco; Denver v Atlanta; Seattle v New Orleans. Monday: NY Jets v Buffalo.

STUDENT SPORT

Spriddle leads the way

By Yuri Matischen

Dean Spriddle, aged 24, a physical education student from Jordan Hill College, played the best four rounds in his life to win the men's individual silver medal at the world student golf championships, held at Is Molas, Cagliari, from October 6 to 9.

Spriddle was an inspirational captain, and he helped Britain capture the team silver medal.

The men's champion was Lee Porter, of the United States, on 286, two under, for the tournament. Spriddle's total of 291 comprised rounds of 75, 70, 72 and 74.

Catriona Lambert, of Stirling University, won the individual bronze medal and helped the women's team to a second silver medal for Britain.

Lambert, at 19, is proving a tremendous prospect. She started confidently, returning a 73 on the par-74 course. However, her middle rounds of 83 and 80 seemed to put her out of the medals, but a steady round of 77 enabled her to retain the bronze.

Cissy Meeks, from the United States, won the women's title.

LEADING SCORES: Men: Individual: 1, L Porter (US), 286; 2, D Spriddle (GB), 291; 3, G Bralzey (Fr), 292. Other British: 7, J Grant, 296; 12, A Mathers, 299; 23, R Stevens, 311; 27, R Holt, 313; 34, D Purdie, 316. Team: 1, United States, 868; 2, GB, 886 (won on countback); 3, France, 888. Women: Individual: 1, C Meeks (US), 306; 2, S Lebrun (US), 310; 3, C Lambert (GB), 313. Other British: 7, L Lundie, 325; 8, L Anderson, 328; 9, T Jeary, 330; 13, J Ford, 333. Team: 1, United States, 622; 2, Britain, 636; 3, Italy, 651.

YACHTING: BRITAIN AND FRANCE AGREE LIMIT FOR NON-RATED VESSELS

Peace in the sea battle over boat size

By Barry Pickthall

After years of feuding, British and French race organizers have decided to follow the lead taken by the Royal Western YC, and introduce a maximum size limit of 60ft for all non-rated yachts competing in future transoceanic races.

The rule, which takes effect in January 1990, outlaws the 75ft and 85ft multihulls born out of French frustration at the 56ft limit imposed 11 years ago by the Plymouth club.

The restriction was raised to 60ft for the 1984 race but failed to appease the French, who organized rival events for their own larger multihulls, splitting the sport in two.

The first races to be affected will be the Carlsberg two-handed transatlantic race and the French Route du Rhum singlehanded classic from St Malo to Guadeloupe in two years' time. The limit stand for three years.

The organizers have also agreed to the introduction of financial rather than time penalties for breaches of the rules before the start of races. This follows the French policy of fining latecomers and marks a change of heart on the part of the Royal Western, who have endured fierce criticism from competitors and Press for issuing stiff time penalties for competitors who arrive late for scrutineering.

Tony Ballimore, Britain's one hope during this year's Carlsberg race, lost any chance of success when the club imposed a 32-hour penalty after building delays caused the late arrival of his 60ft trimaran, Spirit of Apricot. Now, latecomers to British races at least, may be given a choice of financial or time penalties.

Agreement has also been reached to standardize the latest COSPAS/SARSAT emergency beacons, together with the compulsory installation of an engine and line-throwing apparatus aboard singlehanded yachts.

● Half-way through the four-year world championship points cycle, French yachtsmen, led by Jean Yves-Terlain, hold the first six places. The top British sailor is Nick Bailey, fifteenth.

TOP 10 RANKINGS: 1, J-Y Terlain (Fr), 132.5pts; 2, T Lemazou (Fr), 129; 3, B Peyron (Fr), 104.625; 4, J Maurel (Fr), 100.437; 5, L Peyron (Fr), 96; 6, P Poupon (Fr), 95.312; 7, J Martin (SA), 91; 8, S Madec (Fr) 73.667; 9, B Reed (SA), 73.25; 10, P Vatine (Fr), 70.187.

BOWLS

Duff makes a recovery

The English indoor champion, Gary Smith, and the world champion, Hugh Duff, set up a potentially outstanding second-round encounter for tomorrow when the Liverpool Victoria Insurance Superbowl began in Manchester yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Duff was the first in action yesterday morning and he advanced to the second round after a 7-1, 7-5 win over Richard Britton, the crown green player. Duff had to recover from 0-4 down before taking the deciding set.

Smith had to work harder for his 7-5, 7-3 win over Jim Baker, of Belfast, the former world champion. Baker led 5-4 in the opening set but a single on the eighth end tied them at five apiece. Smith took the vital opener with a double on the next end.

"I really should have won that opening set," Baker said. "But I can't complain.

Also through to the second round is Liz Wren, the Scottish women's champion, who needed just 10 ends to secure her 7-3, 7-2 win over Joyce Jones, another crown green player.

FIRST ROUND: H Duff (Scot) bt R Britton (Crown), 7-1, 7-5; G Smith (Eng) bt J Baker (Ire), 7-3, 7-3; E Wren (Scot) bt J Jones (Crown), 7-3, 7-2.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL RESULTS

AUSTRIAN: Austria Klagenfurt 4, VSE St Poelten 1; Wiener Sportclub 4, FCS Tirol 0; Vorwarts Steyr 0, Sturm Graz 0; GAK 1, Admira Wacker 1; LASK 1, Vienna 1; Austria Wien 7 Rapid 0. Leading positions: 1, Austria Wien, played 15, 22pts; 2, FCS Tirol, 15, 21; 3, Admira Wacker, 15, 20.

BELGIAN: FC Bruges 2, Waregem 3; Lokeren 0, Standard Liège 2; Beerschot 1, RWDM 3; Kortrijk 3, Cercle Bruges 1; Racing Mechlin 1, Lierse 0; Charleroi 0, Racing Jet 2; FC Liège 1, Seraing 0; Anderlecht 0 Mechelen 0; St Truiden 6, FC Antwerp 0. Leading positions: 1, Mechelen, played 12, 21pts; 2, Anderlecht, 12, 20; 3, FC Liège, 12, 18.

CZECHOSLOVAK: Dukla Prague 4, Slavia Pizen 2; Plastika Nitra 0, Banik Ostrava 1; Sigma Olomouc 0, Sparta Prague 1; Slavia Prague 5, Inter Bratislava 3; TJ Vitkovice 1, Spartak Trnava 0; Spartak Hradec Kralove 0, Bohemians Prague 1; Cheb 2, Dukla Banska Bystrica 1; Slovan Bratislava 0, Dunajska Streda 0. Leading positions: 1, Slavia Prague, played 8, 15pts; 2, Sparta Prague, 9, 14; 3, TJ Vitkovice, 9, 11.

DUTCH: Sparta 0, Roda JC 1; Ajax 2, PSV Eindhoven 0; SVV Den Boech 1, FC Utrecht 0; PEC Zwolle 3, RKC Waalwijk 0; VVV Venlo 1, MVV Maastricht 1; Veendam 2 Haarlem 0; Willem II, 2 FC Groningen 3; Fortuna Sittard 0, FC Twente 0. Postponed: Volendam v Feyenoord. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, played 8, 13pts; 2, FC Twente, 8, 12; 3, Roda JC, 8, 11.

FINNISH: Real positions: 1, Helsinki, played 27, 43pts; 2, Kuusysi Lahti, 27, 34; 3, Rovaniemi, 27, 31.

FRENCH: Cannes 3, Laval 2; Monaco 3, Marseille 0; Caen 1, Matra Racing 1; Paris Saint-Germain 1, Strasbourg 0; Nantes 3, Lens 1; Auxerre 2, St Etienne 0; Lille 3, Montpellier 1; Toulouse 2, Nice 1; Metz 3, Bordeaux 0; Toulon 0, Sochaux 0. Leading positions: 1, Auxerre, played 15, 30pts; 2, Paris Saint-Germain, 15, 30; 3, Marseille, 15, 27.

GREEK: Ais Salonika 0, Larissa 0; AEK Athens 2, Ethnikos 0; OFI Crete 3, PAOK Salonika 1; Panathinaikos 2, Apollon 2; Panionios 0, Olympiakos 1; Volos 2, Doxa 0; Kalamaria 1, Heraklis 1; Diagoras 1, Levadia 1. Leading positions: 1, Aris Salonika, played 5, 7pts; 2, Larissa, 5, 6; 3, AEK Athens, 5, 6.

HUNGARIAN: Raba ETO Gyoer 0, Videoton 3; Zalaegerszeg 3, Tatabanya 0; Budapest Honved 3, Siofok 1; MTK VM 1, Vasszpren 0; Pecs 0, Ferencvaros 1; Dunaujvaros 3, Ujpesti Dosza 3 (Dunaujvaros win 4-2 on pens); Beloiannisz 7, Vasas 2; Szombathely 3, VAC 1. Leading positions: 1, Videoton, played 10, 21pts; 2, MTK VM, 9, 20; 3, Ferencvaros, 9, 17.

ITALIAN: Ascoli 1, Internazionale 3; Cesena 0, Lazio 0; Como 0, Juventus 3; Verona 2, Lecce 1; Milan 4, Fiorentina 0; Napoli 1, Atalanta 0; Pescara 0; Roma 0; Pisa 0, Bologna 2; Torino 2, Sampdoria 3.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Bohemians 1, Dundalk 1; Derry City 5, Galway United 1; Shelbourne 1, Athlone Town 0; Waterford United 1, St Patrick's Athletic 4; Limerick City 2, Cork City 0; Cobh Ramblers 1, Shamrock Rovers 1. Leading positions: 1, Derry City, played 6, 10pts; 2, St Patrick's Athletic, 6, 9; 3, Limerick City, 6, 9.

PORTUGUESE: Espinho 4, Nacional 0; Maritimo 0, Leixoes 1; Belenenses 0, Benfica 1; Sporting 3, Pola 1; Penafiel 2, Setubal 0; Guimaraes 2, Chaves 1; Portimonense 1, Braga 0; Viseu 0, Beira-Mar 0; Boavista 2, Amadora 0; Farense 1, Porto 1. Leading positions: 1, Benfica, played 8, 13pts; 2, Sporting, 8, 13; 3, Porto, 8, 12.

POLISH: Szombierki Bytom 2, Lech Poznan 3; Gornik Walbrzych 2, GKS Jastrzebie 1; Slask Wroclaw 0, Wisla Krakow 0; Widzew Lodz 0, Ruch Chorzow 0; Legia Warszawa 2, LKS Lodz 0; GKS Katowice 0, Jagiellonia Bialystok 1; Olimpia Poznan 0, Stal Mielec 1; Gornik Zabrze 3, Pogon Szczecin 0. Leading positions: 1, Gornik Zabrze, played 11, 20pts; 2, GKS Katowice, 11, 18; 3, Ruch Chorzow, 11, 17.

ROMANIAN: Universitatea Craiova 3, Dinamo Bucharest 0; Arges Pitesti 0, Steaua Bucharest 1; Inter Sibiu 1, Farul Constanta 0; Bihor Oradea 0, Otelul Galati 1; Rapid Bucharest 2, FCM Brasov 0; Sportul Studentesc Bucharest 3, ASA Tg Mures 0; Victoria Bucharest 5, SC Bacau 3; FC Olt 1, Flacara Moreni 1; Universitatea Cuj Napoca 2, Corvinul Hunedoara 1. Leading positions: 1, Dinamo Bucharest, 18pts; 2, Steaua Bucharest, 18; 3, Victoria Bucharest, 13.

SPANISH: Cadiz 1, Real Oviedo 1; Malaga 1, Atletico Madrid 2; Espanol 1, Seville 1; Elche 2, Athletic Bilbao 0; Valencia 0, Logrones 0; Osasuna 1, Celta 0; Sporting 0, Real Murcia 1; Real Sociedad 0, Barcelona 1; Real Betis 0, Real Valladolid 1; Real Madrid 4, Real Zaragoza 0. Leading positions: 1, Barcelona, played 8, 10pts; 2, Real Madrid, 8, 9; 3, Athletic Bilbao, 8, 9.

SWISS: Grasshopper 4, Lucerne 1; St Gallen 3, Neuchatel Xamax 3; Young Boys 2, Servette 3; Sion 1, Lausanne 0; Aarau 2, Lugano 2; Bellinzona 1, Wettingen 1. Leading positions: 1, Lucerne played 14, 20pts; 2, Grasshopper, 14, 19; 3, Sion, 14, 17.

WEST GERMAN: Bayer Leverkusen 2, Bayer Uerdingen 2; Hamburg 3, Bochum 1; VfB Stuttgart 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Kaiserslutra 2, Waldhof Mannheim 1; Hanover 0, Bayern Munich 0; Werder Bremen 0, St Pauli 0, Borussia Mönchengladbach 1, Cologne 0; Kaiserslautern 2, Nuremberg 1. Leading positions: 1, VfB Stuttgart, played 8, 13pts; 2, Bayern Munich, 8, 12; 3, Hamburg, 10, 12.

YUGOSLAV: Partizan Belgrade 1, Red Star Belgrade 0; Sarajevo 0 Rad Belgrade 0 (Rad win 4-1 on pens); Napredak Krusevac 2, Osijek 0; Sloboda Tuzla 0, Spartak Subotica 0 (Spartak win 5-3 on pens); Radnicki Nis 1, Rijeka 0; Celik Zenica 1, Velez Mostar 1 (Celik win 4-2 on pens); Vojvodina Novi Sad 1, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 0; Hajduk Split 4, Vardar Skopje 1; Dinamo Zagreb 2, Buducnost Titograd 0. Leading positions: 1, Vojvodina, played 8, 12pts; 2, Rad, 10, 12; 3, Dinamo, 9, 11.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

CALNE: Chippenham to Calne six-mile road walk: A Peel (Coventry) 41min 58sec. Team: Spiott WC, 95pts. Women: B Swarowski (Sheffield), 48.44. Team: Sheffield, 32pts.
SOUTHPORT: Lancashire 9 x 3 mile road relay championship: St Helens, 2hr 01min 43sec. Fastest legs: S Anders (St Helens), 14min 18sec.
ALDERSHOT: Southern women's road-relay championship (3 x 4500): Team: 1, Borough of Hounslow, 39min 45sec; 2, Essex Ladies, 40.08; 3, Aldershot, Farnham and District, 40.20. Fastest legs: N Morris (Essex Ladies), 13.01.

TENNIS

TELFORD: Women's challenger tournament: First round: C Basham (Nethy) bt G Villiger (Swtz), 6-2, 6-2; J Jonarup (Swe) bt F Martin (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; A Garber (WS) bt V Humphreys-Davies, 6-1, 6-2; A van Scheppingen (Neth) bt N van Lottum (Fr) 5-7, 6-3, 6-3; S Sullivan bt S Schilder (Neth), 6-2, 6-3; C Dahlman (Swe) bt I Peltzer (WG), 6-3, 6-7, 7-5; J Louis bt N Phan Thanh (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; S Doglioi (Austria) bt G Boschiero (It), 1-6, 6-2, 6-3; A Grunfeld bt E Richard, 6-2, 6-3; B Borneo bt V Lake, 6-3, 7-5; Y der Kinderen (Neth) bt P Wasterlelg (WG), 6-4, 2-6, 6-0; S Smith bt L Gould, 6-2, 6-4; A Muller bt E Calphin (US), 7-5, 6-2.
DONCASTER: LTA/WV national ranking tournament finals: Men: S Heron (Yorkshire) bt A Broomhead (Derbyshire), 7-5, 6-1. Women: M Loughton (Yorkshire) bt S Elmore (Lincolnshire), 2-6, 6-1, 8-1.
DARLINGTON: Dewhurst national under-18 championship finals: Boys: S Corrigan (Somerset) bt J Barton (Essex), 6-1, 4-6, 6-4. Girls: B Griffiths (Suffolk) bt P Jones (Hampshire), 6-0, 6-3.
NEW ORLEANS: New Orleans Classic: women's tournament: Semi-finals (US unless stated): C Evert bt S Reise, 6-1, 6-1; A Smith bt M Seles (Yug), 6-1, 4-3, ret. Final: Evert bt Smith, 6-4, 6-1.
SCOTTSDALE: Grand Prix men's tournament: Final: M Pernfors (Swe) bt G Layendecker (US), 6-2, 6-4.
CAP D'AGDE: Invitation tournament: Final: M Navarolave (US) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 6-2, 6-4.
SYDNEY: Australian indoor tournament: First round (Australia unless stated): M Kratzmann bt J Anderson, 4-6, 7-6, 7-5; B Custer bt B Rau, 6-2, 7-6; R Matuszewski (US) bt P Doohan, 6-0, 6-1; B Dyke bt R Fromberg, 6-4, 6-2, T Nelson (US) bt C Pedham (Can), 6-4, 6-7, 7-5; J Fitzgerald bt S Barr, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt C Tunch, 6-1, 6-3.

SHOOTING

CARDIFF: British air gun championships: Rifles: British individual championship: 1, C Hector (Bancock) 583; 2, R Smith (Hingley) 579; 3, L Miles (Birmingham) 576. Junior: Hector, 580. Women: S Waters (Worthing), 371. Grand aggregate: 1, Smith, 777; 2, J Mellor (Hemel), 774; 3, N Wilcox (Stoke Lodge), 773. International: 1, England, 2,288; 2, Wales, 2,261; 3, Scotland, 2,259. Pistol: British individual: 1, P Leatherdale (Norwich), 577; 2, R Stanmaker (Essex), 576; 3, B Haynes (Cheshire), 575. Junior: R Nagle (Ham and Petersham), 735. Women: M Thomas (Stock Exchange), 575. Grand aggregate: 1, Rayment (Kensington), 756pts; 2, D Lowe (Fareham), 756pts; 3, Leatherdale, 754. International: 1, England, 2,288; 2, Scotland, 2,170; 3, Wales, 2,105.

YACHTING

COWES: City Race: 1, Gazelena (Renwick), 15.7pts; 2, Jubilee Lady (Cornwood), 13.7; 3, Trader-Jo (Bennys), 20.4.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP (corrected version)

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	3	3	0	0	64	24	6
Nottingham	3	3	0	0	45	24	6
Gloucester	3	2	0	1	55	31	4
Bristol	3	2	0	1	39	18	4
Leicester	3	2	0	1	53	45	4
Orrell	3	2	0	1	48	42	4
Liverpool St H	3	1	0	2	30	44	2
Harlequins	3	1	0	2	39	55	2
Rosslyn Park	3	1	0	2	38	44	2
Wasps	3	1	0	2	32	49	2
Waterloo	3	0	0	3	27	45	0
Moseley	3	0	0	3	18	68	0

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry	3	3	0	0	57	23	6
Saracens	3	2	0	1	39	16	4
Sheffield	3	2	1	0	33	29	5
Blackheath	3	1	1	1	52	31	3
Northampton	3	1	1	1	32	28	3
London Scottish	3	1	1	1	15	31	3
Sale	3	1	0	2	42	55	2
Bedforth	3	1	0	2	28	59	2
London Irish	3	1	0	2	27	59	2
Richmond	3	1	0	2	27	69	2
Headingley	3	1	0	2	17	33	1
London Welsh	3	0	1	2	32	50	1

Third division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rugby	3	3	0	0	91	18	6
Nuneaton	3	3	0	0	77	31	6
Plymouth	3	2	0	1	79	31	4
Wakefield	3	2	0	1	105	27	4
W Hartlepool	3	2	0	1	75	37	4
Exeter	3	2	0	1	51	43	4
Fylde	3	2	0	1	41	43	4
Met Police	3	1	0	2	23	102	2
Vale of Lune	3	1	0	2	22	51	2
Chesterfield	3	0	0	3	31	75	0
Askeans	3	0	0	3	15	74	0
Maidstone	3	0	0	3	25	86	0

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Aylesbury GS 25, Lord Williams s, Thame 10; Bancroft's 20, Bishop s Stortford 12; Bearwood 12, Reed's 10; Bedford Modern 3, Stamford 15; Beechen Cliff 0, Pate's GS 16; Berkhamsted 0, King's, Canterbury 22; Bishop Vesey's 38, Old Swinford Hospital 0; Birkenhead 10, Arnold 15; Blundell's 0, Sherborne 13; Bristol GS 10, St Brendan's 16; Campion 9, John F

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Faldo's putting betrays him in World Match Play as rival dominates the greens

Lyle triumphs in a final of rare drama and style

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Sandy Lyle won the silver anniversary edition of the Suntory World Match Play Championship with a performance that sparkled like the golden hues of autumn at Wentworth yesterday.

He extracted 12 birdies and one eagle from the West Course to overcome Nick Faldo two and one and erase the bitter experience of having lost on each of the previous four occasions that he has featured in the final.

Moreover, Lyle achieved his success, worth £75,000, which took his prizewinnings for the season to more than $1 million, following an energy-sapping year which began with his victory in the Phoenix Open last January. He followed that with two more successes in the United States, including the Masters at Augusta, and he also won the Dunhill British Masters at Woburn in June. Those triumphs were a tribute to his dedication.

Faldo, too, played his part in making this final a memorable affair, even if a 24-hour delay following the deluge on Sunday inevitably drastically reduced the audience. What that delay could not dilute was the quality of the golf.

This was an intriguing contest between the two finest British golfers of the present era. Since their teenaged days their fortunes have fluctuated, virtually compelling them to become arch-rivals on the fairways.

Lyle beat Faldo by two years to the Open Championship. His success in the Masters has come during a year when Faldo can justifiably claim that fate proved very much a foe rather than a friend.

Faldo might have won the US Open, the Open Championship or the US PGA Championship, or for that matter all three, if he had not been betrayed by his putter, as was the case again yesterday.

Lyle unquestionably owed his two-hole advantage at lunch to his authority on the greens, whereas Faldo missed six times from inside 10 feet. Lyle single-putted on 11 occasions, if we give him a six-foot putt that was conceded at the ninth, and four of those came in successive holes from the 14th.

The most crucial was undoubtedly the one which he coaxed in from 21 feet at the 16th. It enabled him to regain the lead, after Faldo had on two occasions squared the issue, and with lunch beckoning it could not have come at a more decisive time psychologically.



Lyle: rich pickings

What is more Lyle, proceeded to rub salt into Faldo's wounds at each of the next two holes. He stretched his advantage at the next by holing a putt of fully 35 feet at the 17th for an eagle three.

More significantly, Lyle contrived to hole a chip of approximately 20 yards at the 18th to escape with a half when Faldo, on the green with two magnificent blows, must have felt that he was on the threshold of halving the deficit.

Faldo, however, digested that disappointment, and with Lyle dropping shots at two of the first three holes after lunch, which included missing from two feet at the second, he was back on level terms.

Indeed Faldo led at the 10th, which Lyle three-putted, and again at the 12th so that with five holes to play he was one up. Then he applied the pressure by striking a superb tee-shot with a five-iron to within 10 feet of the hole at the uphill 14th. Lyle, some 32 feet from the hole, was staring at the possibility of going two behind.

Yet he holed out and, as so often happens in such situations, his rival missed. It was all square again and Lyle, now oozing confidence, hit a superb four-iron approach from 214 yards to within three feet of the hole at the 15th. In fact, there was no need for him to employ his putter because Faldo took three putts from 25 feet.

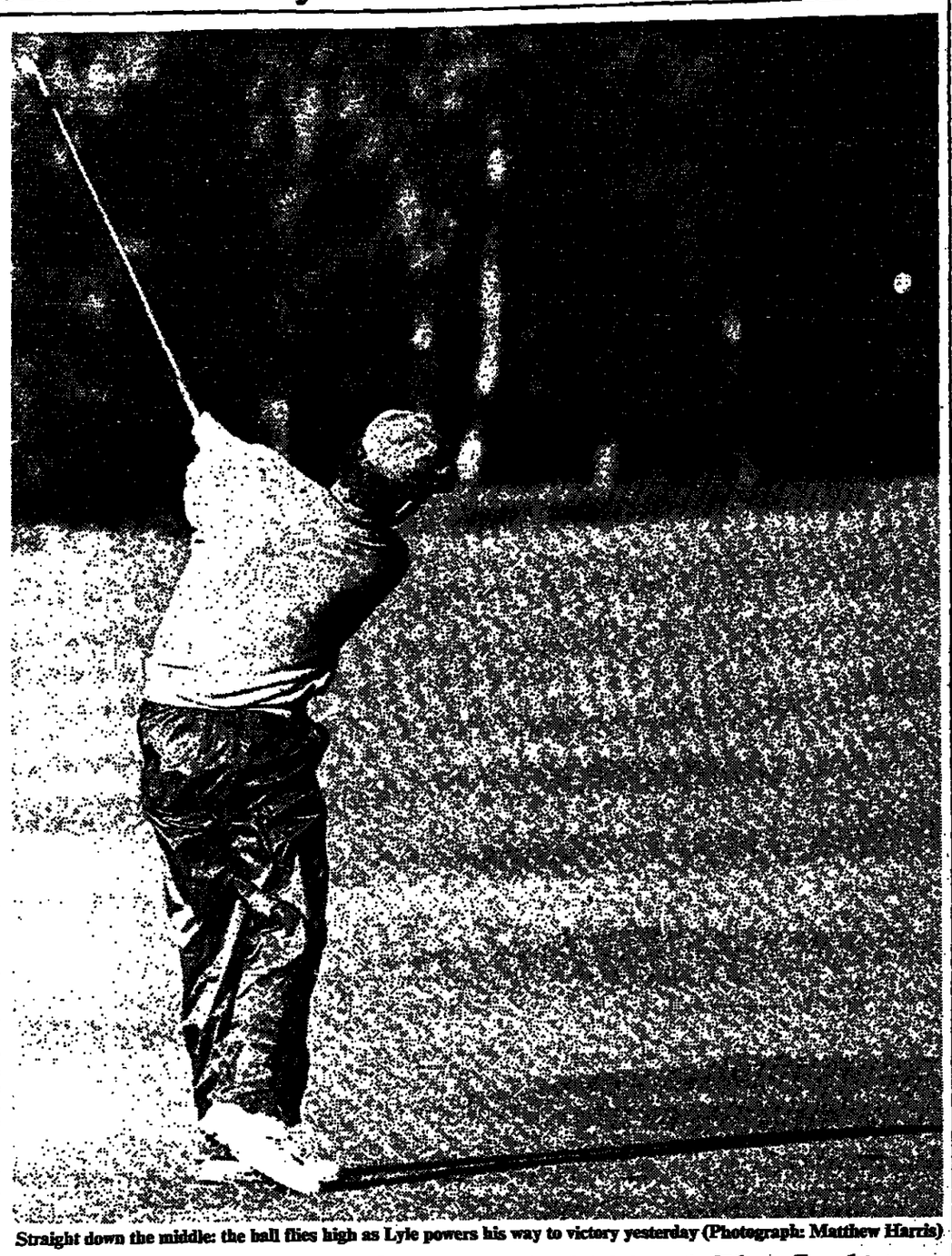
By that time one could only admire the standard of the golf. At the 16th Faldo hit his approach to within seven feet, but Lyle was just inside him. Faldo went first, holed out, and Lyle successfully followed him in.

On to the 17th and Faldo, with a three-wood failed to find the target. Lyle did, with a two-iron, although he was some 75 feet away. Faldo pitched up to around 15 feet and then watched in amazement along with the spectators, as Lyle struck his first putt some 14 feet past the hole.

What Faldo needed now was to hole out, and really put the pressure back on Lyle. He missed and Lyle boldly struck his effort into the back of the cup.

Faldo had every reason to feel disappointed. It was the second occasion in which he has reached the final, and this time he simply lost out on the greens.

Lyle said: "Nick played really well. He didn't make any mistakes. But it feels great to be the champion at last and this is certainly a season that I will never forget."



Straight down the middle: the ball flies high as Lyle powers his way to victory yesterday (Photograph: Matthew Harris)

Hole-by-hole guide to yesterday's Suntory World Match Play final

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	
YARDS	471	155	452	501	191	344	399	398	450	186	376	483	441	179	466	380	571	502		471	155	452	501	191	344	399	398	450	186	376	483	441	179	486	380	571	502	
PAR	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	5		4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	5	
N Faldo	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	5	2	4	4	4	4		4	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	3	5		
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END COLUMN

England reach an exposed position

From David Miller
Delhi

For England to attempt to take the moral high ground in the cricket controversy with India seems equivalent, as perceived within this subcontinent, to Long John Silver asking for social security benefits.

It is difficult to convey to many Englishmen, including some inhabitants of Lord's, the degree to which non-white cricketing nations feel betrayed by English ambivalence on relations with South Africa. As sportsmen, the Indians are probably more distressed by the cancellation of the winter tour than are the English, yet they believe morality to be inalienably on their side.

Their attitude is that England has no grounds for self-righteousness because the Indian Government jumped the gun, with its ban on eight of England's party, in advance of the January meeting of the International Cricket Conference which was to debate this fundamental issue. This is not a matter, the Indians believe, of some tactical detail of eligibility, like professionalism within the Olympic Games, but of fundamental dignity.

Recent memories prevent goodwill

The selection of eight players with South African links, most notably Gooch, was asking India to swallow a humiliating pill. "How long can we go on?" Margaret Alva, the Minister for Sport, asks without emotion. "If we have to pay the price for what we believe in, so be it. The TCCB had a whole year to calculate the risks. I'm sure they knew the consequences of their selection. I don't know what was in their mind."

Any tendency for goodwill by either the Indian Government or its control board towards the selectors at Lord's is halted by recollection of recent history. When Boycott was accommodated for the tour of 1981-82, on the strength of an anti-apartheid passage in his biography, he proceeded while in India to masterminf the South African rebel tour of the following summer, in which Gooch was a prime figure. Gooch was banned by the TCCB for three years, and subsequently accepted by India for the World Cup. Yet he has taunted the non-white Test nations by his revelation, when nominated England's touring captain, of present contracts with South Africa.

India's credentials on the anti-apartheid issue are long-standing. They withdrew from the Davis Cup final against South Africa 14 years ago. Vijay Amritraj, one of their players on that occasion, said when addressing the United Nations this summer: "We are human beings before being sportsmen. Fair play and equality, two aspects of human character in sport, are exactly those that are trampled on in South Africa." He was sad to see, he said, so many sportsmen participating in South Africa driven purely by financial considerations.

Expediency sticks in Asian throats

It is the financial expediency of English cricketers, rather than alleged exercise of individual freedom, which sticks in the non-white throat: plus a suspicion that the English somehow expect Asians to be less emphatic on anti-apartheid principles than Afro-Caribbeans. India points with pride to those who have refused the Krugerrand: Ali, Beckenbauer, McEnroe, and four great cricketers who were offered millions, Gavaskar, Holding, Richards and Botham.

The Professional Cricketers' Association threatens legal action should the ICC change its rules and ban English cricketers from earning a living in South Africa. I would totally uphold the constitutional right of the cricketer to play where he wishes. You cannot, however, insult a man one day and expect to sit down to dinner with his brother the next. England have to decide once and for all where they stand. If, for whatever reason, that is shoulder to shoulder with South Africa, they must expect inevitable isolation — and bankruptcy? — in Test cricket by all but Australia and New Zealand.

They cannot be sure, indeed, of indefinite loyalty down under. They can be sure that they will no longer be able to hunt with the rupee and run with the rand.

Robson sets hazardous course

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson yesterday set an honourable and dangerous precedent. In choosing to leave Paul Davis out of the England squad for the World Cup qualifying tie against Sweden next week, he admits that in future he may be morally obliged to omit more influential characters, such as Butcher.

The England manager was one of the few observers at Highbury three weeks ago who did not require television evidence to realize that Davis had punched Cockerill. "It flashed through my mind the moment I saw it that I might have to take action myself," he said.

The implication is that even if the Football Association had not suspended Davis for nine matches, a sentence unprecedented in its severity, he would not have retained his place. As it is, Robson felt it "inappropriate to select him while he is under the threat of suspension".

Arsenal are to appeal today against an anomaly. If the referee had witnessed Davis's punch, the player would have been sent off and ordered to serve an automatic ban of three matches. His punishment was apparently tripled only because his assault was exposed on ITV.

Steve Walsh, of Leicester City, for instance, received only a six-match ban last year for inflicting similar damage, a broken jaw, to Geddis. The length of Davis's absence is significant. Unless the FA relents, Robson will not consider him even for the visit to Saudi Arabia next month.

Under the FA's guidelines, a player under domestic suspension should not take part in an international exhibition, but he may, like Butcher in Yugoslavia last November, be picked for a competitive fixture. But Robson, "in view of the incident", decided to follow his own firmer line.

Although Arsenal's game on Saturday has been postponed, Davis will not be invited to join his colleagues in England's prolonged preparations which will begin on Thursday. "He will miss out on all of that," Robson said. "The ban is complete. It cannot be watered down."

Davis, considered to be Bryan Robson's natural successor, would not have made his first full international appearance against the Swedes but "it was a big decision. McMahon is injured and if anything happens to Robson or Webb, then we will have lost our four best midfield players".

He claimed that he was not using Davis, who will come back into contention once he has done his penance, as an example "but the message to the players is clear. If you misbehave, if you go round slinging punches, you are going to risk being left out of the England team".

Williams and Wright were overlooked for comparatively minor disciplinary reasons two years ago but Graham Kelly, in his new role as the FA's chief executive, conceded that "this is a precedent. It was a very serious incident and there was an element of premeditation".

"The manager, with the full support of the FA, has taken the appropriate action. He, and we, could be put on the spot in the future. Let us just hope that it doesn't occur." His optimism was shared by Robson, particularly in view of events at Aberdeen on Saturday.

Robson believes that, whatever the outcome of the Butcher controversy, the gravity of the affair may well persuade the captain of Rangers to leave his adopted homeland.

Any suspension that might be imposed by the Scottish Football Association would not start in time to affect Butcher's place in the England side at Wembley next Wednesday. He is unlikely to be available for Saudi, anyway, as Rangers have a League fixture the same night.

But if his case is as protracted as it was last season, he could under Robson's policy be ruled out of the trip to Greece in February and, far more significantly, out of the World Cup qualifying ties against Albania in March and April. Robson awaits developments.

There could be no more painful decision for the England manager than voluntarily to drop his favourite son for the sake of his principles.

Amid the black clouds of misconduct, alleged or otherwise, Robson proudly claimed that England have a disciplinary record second to none over the last six years. The dismissal in Mexico of Wilkins, one of the most respected of internationals, represents the lone blot.

ENGLAND SQUAD: P Shilton (Derby County), C Woods (Rangers), N Stanland (Sheffield Wednesday), G Stevens (Rangers), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), T Dorigo (Chelsea), T Adams (Arsenal), D Walker (Nottingham Forest), T Butcher (Rangers), G Pallister (Middlesbrough), M Thomas (Arsenal), P Gascoigne (Tottenham Hotspur), N Webb (Nottingham Forest), B Robson (Manchester United), S Hodge (Nottingham Forest), D Rocastle (Arsenal), P Beardsley (Liverpool), T Cowie (Everton), G Lineker (Barcelona), all Harford (Luton Town), J Barnes (Liverpool), C Waddle (Tottenham Hotspur).

Butcher waits

Terry Butcher must wait several days to know if he is to face criminal charges. The Procurator-fiscal at Aberdeen is awaiting a police report about the incident at Pittodrie when the door to the referee's room was allegedly kicked and damaged. A spokesman in the fiscal's department said yesterday: "When we receive this we will look at it to see if any action is to be taken."

Bad break for gold medal man

By Steven Downes

Adrian Moorhouse, the British swimmer who won a gold medal in the Olympic 100 metres breaststroke, is unlikely to race again before the New Year after breaking a bone in his left hand in a motor racing accident at the weekend.

Moorhouse will therefore be out of Britain's team for the Europa Cup and will also miss a couple of lucrative opportunities in the first meets of the British Grand Prix, which begins next month.

In the week since his return from Seoul, Moorhouse has been on a constant round of receptions and public appearances. He also took up an invitation to compete in a pro-celebrity saloon car race at Brands Hatch on Sunday.

A combination of the wet track and driving into a bend at 80 m.p.h. caused him to skid. "My hand went through the steering wheel and got trapped. I drove on to finish my five laps, even though I was in some pain," he said last night. "When it was X-rayed, they found I had cracked a bone at the base of my thumb."

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Australians arrive with high hopes

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Australian rugby team, who constitute the first major touring party in the United Kingdom since their successful 1984 predecessors, arrived in London yesterday for a 15-match tour which embraces international matches against England, Scotland and Italy.

"If we look at our tour and the teams we are playing against, we would have to think we would be capable of winning each game," Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, said. "It's a realistic goal to set ourselves.

"If you ask me how I would like this tour party to be remembered, I would like the guys to experience the atmosphere of the different culture and way of life; to meet people outside rugby and understand a bit more about the other side of the world. If we are remembered as a happy party who enjoyed the company of our hosts, I will be very pleased. It probably means we will play better, too."

Andy Conway, the manager, said the tour was important historically because this was Australia's bi-centenary — and they have already beaten England twice, on tour during the summer. It was also important as preparation for the 1991 World Cup. "We hope the success of this tour will give us greater confidence building towards 1991," he said.

The tour begins at Twickenham on Saturday, against the London Division. The Australian XV for that game will be named tomorrow and the only player unlikely to be considered for the match is Paul Cornish, the ACT centre, who is still recovering from an operation on his foot.

Nick Farr-Jones, the tour captain who was one of the outstanding successes of the 1984 grand slam party, recognized the increased expectations the British public would have in the light of four years ago.

"I'm not looking at the tour as a whole, we will take it one at a time," he said. "But we have a lot of young guys who haven't been here before and who will be pulling on an Australian jumper for the first time and their expectations are high, too."

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SPORT IN BRIEF

US given gym event

The British Amateur Gymnastic Association has failed in its attempt to stage the 1991 artistic gymnastics world championships at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

The Congress of the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique, the world governing body, has allotted the event to the American Gymnastics Federation. Tony Murdock, development director of the BAGA, said: "We have high hopes of success for 1993."

Bruno plans

Mickey Duff and Jarvis Astaire, the boxing promoters, fly to the United States on Thursday to finalize Frank Bruno's world heavyweight title challenge against Mike Tyson at Wembley on December 19.



Clinton: title contender

Title chance

Pat Clinton, the British flyweight boxing champion, has been given a shot at the European title after Duke McKenzie's decision to relinquish the crown after his IBF world championship win last week.

New president

Eleanor Bruen, of Cork, will take over as president of the Ladies' Golf Union at their annual meeting in Glasgow next January.

Legal counsel

The Association of Tennis Professionals, which is organizing its own series of tournaments for 1990, has engaged a specialist in the anti-trust law and its application to professional sports.

Ring offer

Mark Ring, the Cardiff and Wales half back or centre, has received an offer from Hull Kingston Rovers. However, Ring has told the rugby league club that he has other offers to consider.

Pine ruling

New York (Reuter) — The president of the National League, Bart Giamatti, has reduced the suspension imposed on the baseball pitcher, Jay Howell, of the Los Angeles Dodgers, for putting pine tar on his glove during the play-off game against the New York Mets. Howell will pitch today.

McFaul's dismissal is the end of an era

By Ian Ross

Willie McFaul's 22-year association with Newcastle United ended yesterday when he became the second big managerial casualty of the football season. McFaul agreed to resign after the Newcastle board of directors had convened an emergency meeting to discuss a poor run of results.

The first-team coach, John Pickering, will also be leaving, and until an appointment is made, Colin Suggett, the youth team coach, will be in charge of managerial affairs.

The dismissal of McFaul, aged 45, comes just 12 days after Leeds United had cancelled the contract of their manager, Billy Bremner. Like Leeds, Newcastle also viewed Arthur Cox as a likely successor, but they, too, were refused permission by Derby County to open any form of negotiations for the man who had left Tyneside as a hero after his previous spell in charge.

Cox had taken Newcastle back into the first division before resigning over a contractual dispute. "We must now look at other possibilities otherwise it would be a dereliction of duty," Gordon McKeag, the Newcastle chairman, said.

McKeag may now attempt to persuade, as did Leeds, Howard Kendall to return to English football from Atletico Bilbao but if, as seems likely, the former Everton manager declines, an approach could well be made to Bryan Robson, the Manchester United and England captain.

Wilkinson quickly into stride at Elland Road

By Martin Searby

Within two hours of taking over as manager of Leeds United yesterday, Howard Wilkinson had his players out training. He wanted to discover immediately what problems he faces at Elland Road as the eighth manager since Don Revie left.

Wilkinson, aged 44, has accepted a five-year contract and, initially, he will be joined by only Mike Hennigan, a coach and physical training expert.

The former Sheffield Wednesday manager revealed that he had not watched Leeds for the last fortnight as they fell to within three points of the bottom of the second division, because he did not want to begin with preconceived notions.

"The shadow of that earlier era at Leeds has been cast too long. You can't pay the mortgage on memories," he said. "The time was right for me and Sheffield Wednesday to say a very fond farewell." Peter Eustace, the assistant manager, who has 21 months of his contract to run, will take over as caretaker at Sheffield.

Wilkinson starts with a nine-match handicap, and the Leeds players can expect plenty of physical exercise as Wilkinson sticks to a formula which demands peak fitness and discipline.

● Manchester United have rejected a £750,000 offer from Aston Villa for Peter Davenport. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, maintained that the forward is happy at Old Trafford after regaining his first-team place.